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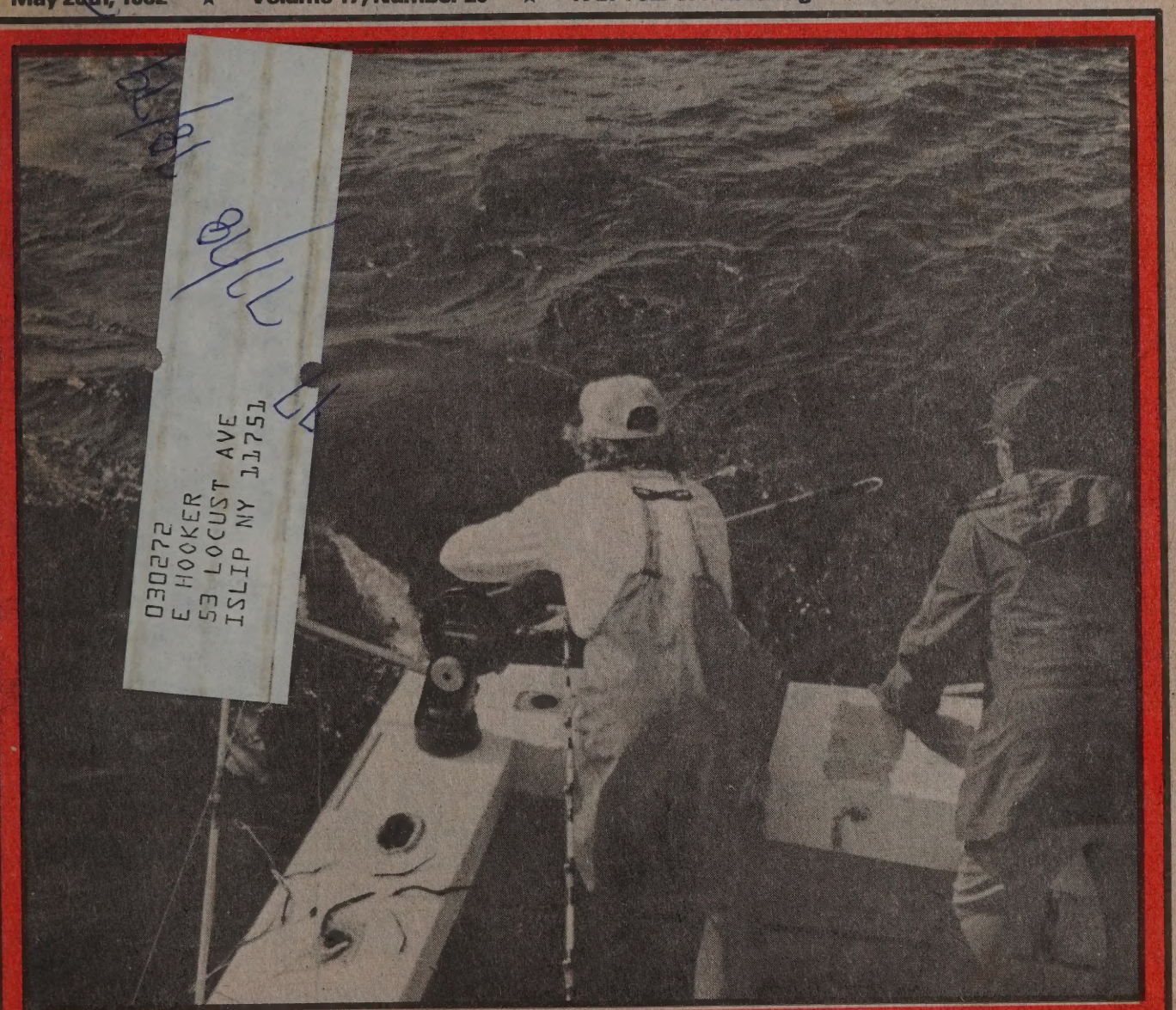

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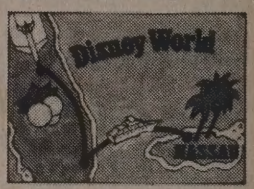

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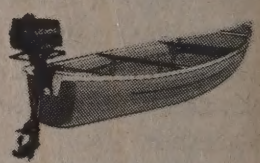

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Late May and June produced red hot pollack action at Block Island last season. Montauk chartermen are looking for a repeat of the fishing in '82. Here, Butch Mahar, mate on the "Blue Fin IV," prepares to boat a triple header of 25-30 lb. pollack taken with the aid of a downrigger.

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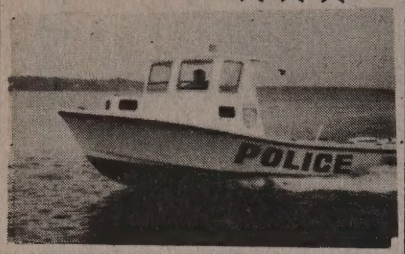

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8TH ANNUAL FREEPORT FISHING FESTIVAL SCHEDULED BY FREEPORT TUNA CLUB

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There will be free docking facilities at Guy Lombardo Marina for two nights. Free bait will include two cans of chum, mackerel and bunker.

There will be a free gala party and dinner that evening 7-31-82. There will be free raffles for valuable prizes and free tournament patches and date bars.

There will be tournament prizes of Penn International 6/0 reels and custom built rod for each category of shark, bluefish, tuna, billfish.

The proceeds from the sale of the fish will be contributed to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for Research.

The entire cost will be $160 for the captain and four anglers.

For applications and further information contact: Freeport Fishing Festival, Inc., P.O. Box 5, Freeport, New York 11520; or Bart Yenna, 516-374-2895; Ed Miller, 516-248-5649.

"TAKE A KID FISHING" THEME FOR NATIONAL FISHING WEEK

The 400 members of the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) and thousands of their representatives, dealers and distributors, plus hundreds of local sportsmen and fishing clubs across the country are gearing up for the fourth annual observance of National Fishing Week, June 7-13.

"With new and better dates, an expanded theme and the momentum of our highly successful 1981 observance behind us, we expect this year's program to be another record-breaker," AFTMA's Executive Vice President Tom Schedler reported.

The basic theme for 1982 NFW again will be "Take a Kid Fishing," but an effort will be made to focus attention this year on the fact that fishing is an all-family sport. To highlight this concept, the basic NFW logo, which featured a small boy, has been revised for 1982 to include the whole family—Mom, Dad, brother and sister.

"The 'Take a Kid Fishing' theme contributed greatly to the success fishing week has enjoyed over the past several years," Schedler explained. "But now we think it's time to call attention to the fact that a fishing trip really is a family affair. After all, angling is one of a very few recreational activities that every member of the family can enjoy—males and females, young and old."

AFTMA estimates that more than 50,000 youngsters participated in the hundreds of official events held in conjunction with NFW-1981: fishing derbies, clinics, demonstrations, contests, etc. "There's no way to estimate how many thousands of kids also were taken on fishing trips by their parents, relatives or family friends," Schedler noted, "but we do know that the idea received a great deal of attention in the nation's news media and that the public responded enthusiastically."

Moving the dates for NFW from mid-May to mid-June in 1982 also will greatly increase participation in NFW activities, AFTMA predicted. More youngsters will be out of school, the weather is likely to be more enjoyable and the fishing should be more productive in all parts of the country.

Anyone interested in participating in the 1982 NFW observance should write AFTMA, 2625 Clearbrook Dr., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 or phone (312) 364-4666.

11TH ANNUAL SHARK TAG TOURNAMENT

The Montauk Marine Basin has scheduled its 11th Annual Shark Tag Tournament to be held at Montauk on Saturday and Sunday, July 17-18, 1982. All anglers and fishing clubs are cordially invited to participate; entries to be limited to 150 boats—first come, first served. Applications are being accepted now.

The tournament will expand its scholarship program this year to include a $1,000 grant to be awarded to a junior or senior at Southampton College of Long Island University who is majoring in Marine Sciences at the school's Natural Sciences Department. Meanwhile, the "Montauk Marine Basin Research Scholarship" program will be continued. The $1,000 scholarship fund was established two years ago to be awarded each year to a graduate student at the Marine Sciences Research Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, NY.

This year's entry fee will be $150 per boat; the same as in recent years. There will be no anglers' fees. Each boat entered will receive one slab of bait and one can of chum per day. Additional bait and chum will be

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A meeting of the anglers will be held Friday, July 17, at 7PM, in the boat storage building just inside the main gate. Boat numbers, tournament badges and literature will be distributed, and questions answered concering the tournament and rules. Jack Casey, the "Mr. Shark" biologist of the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory at Narragansett, RI, will be on hand to update information on his research programs, and to detail any special needs he and his research team has for specimens.

The Marine Basin will host a cocktail party in the building at 8PM, immediately following the business meeting. Anglers, crews and other support personnel—wives, girl friends, etc.—are invited to attend the affair which will include an open bar and hors d'oeuvres.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS 6TH ANNUAL INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Inter-Club Tournament for Weakfish, Part II, sponsored by the Atlantis Anglers, is scheduled for May 29th and 30th. The Club urges all clubs interested to contact Mark Kaufman, (516) 798-3291 immediately in order to be eligible. A big trophy will be awarded to the winning club, as well as many tackle prizes for individual club members.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING ON FLUKE FISHING

Joe Platoni and Manny Toskos, the hard-working Educational Committee of the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County have put together an unusual informative meeting on fluke fishing.

They will instruct on how to make rigs, how to hook-'em, how to ice your catch, how to fillet, and even talk about the various ways of cooking fluke.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25, at 8PM at our meeting hall at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey. Children are particularly welcome.

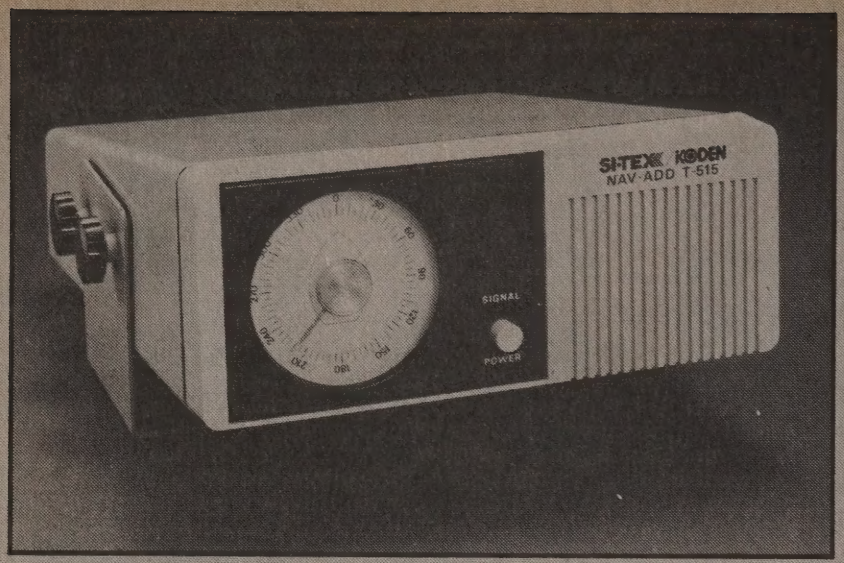
The public is urged to attend and benefit from Joe and Manny's expertise. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Anyone interested in joining our fishing club, please call John Toth, 569-3218 or Al Lorenzo, 796-6522.

HOW TO HOOK AND COOK BLUEFISH

On Tuesday, June 22, at 8PM, the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County will host an Educational Meeting at the American Legion Post #170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey on bluefishing. Children are particularly welcome.

Joe Platoni and Phil Leshowitz, both authorities on bluefish, will talk



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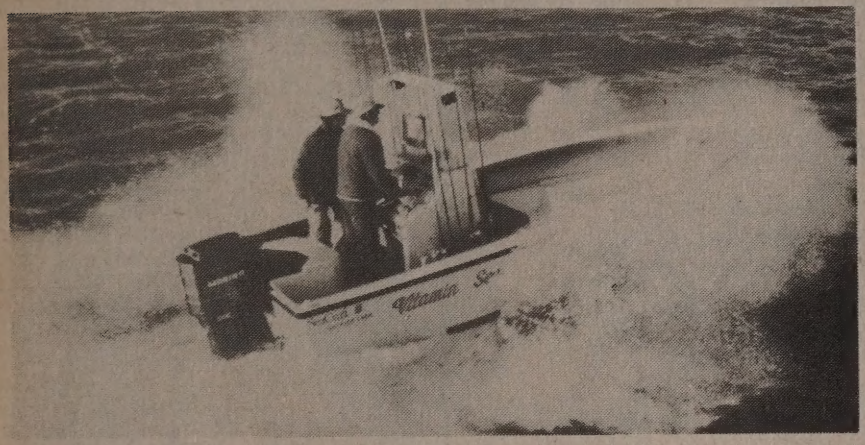

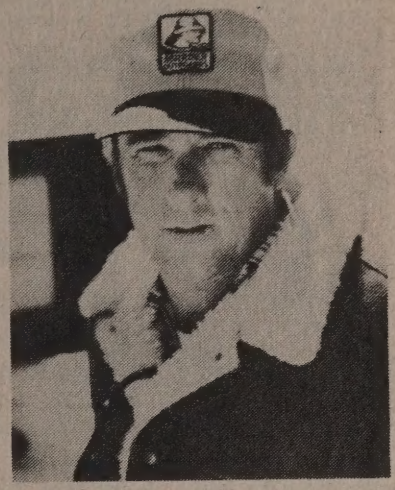

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Gateway Striper Club, Inc., is happy to announce that The Surfcaster was in attendance before a packed audience at the Club's April meeting. In what can be considered one of the Club's most successful open house meetings in its history, The Surfcaster displayed hundreds of items designed with the surfman in mind. Gateway Stripers thanks all those who were in attendance for their interest and support.

At this time, we would like to point out that among our surf brethren, there is one man who stands alone and should be awarded the accolades he deserves. That man is Fred Schwab. For the past few years, Fred has taken on the monumental responsibility of coordinating the New York State SurfFishing Contest, and he has done a tremendous job. Thanks, Fred, for all you have done for us. Your work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

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Last year's Hudson Canyon Tournament yielded an estimated 20,000 lbs. of tuna. Forty boats participated in the event, remaining offshore overnight in the Hudson Canyon area about 90 miles offshore. Besides tuna, the sport fishermen caught white marlin, swordfish, wahoo and sharks.

The 1982 H.C.I.B.T.T. will be run from the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport, convenient to the Jones Inlet, with competition for club and individual prizes totalling $7,500. Entry fee is to be $275 per boat.

A special drawing of a Penn International 50 Reel and matching custom rod will be made on June 17, 1982 to reward those early entrants who have returned their applications, paid in full, postmarked not later than June 1, 1982.

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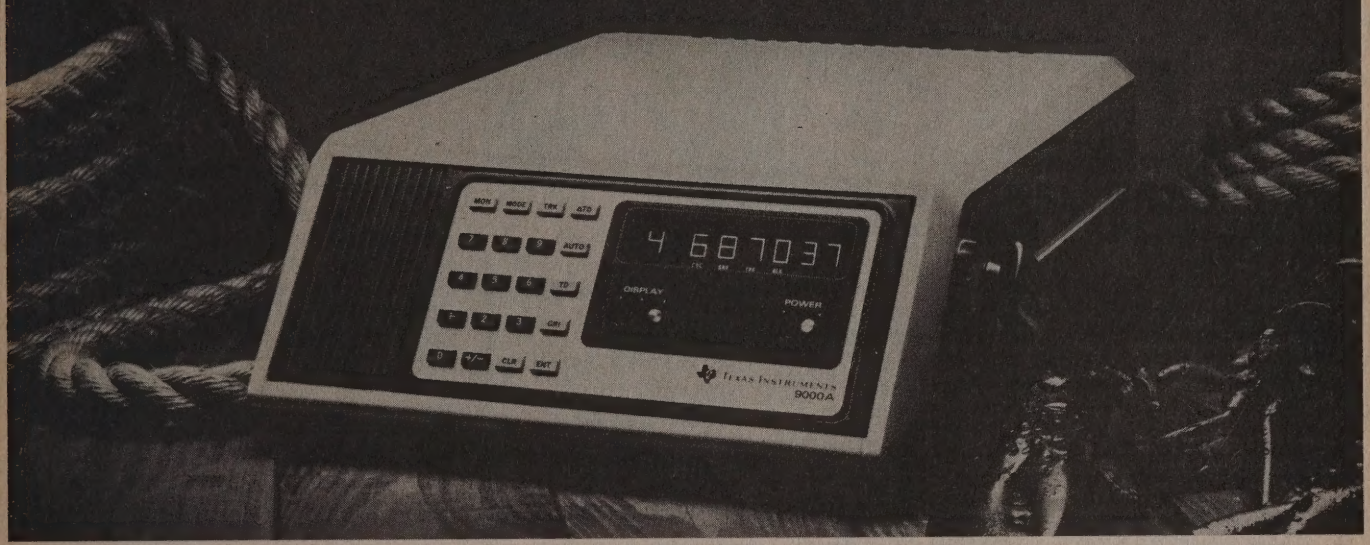

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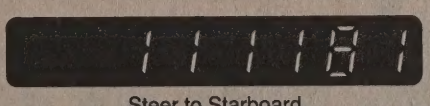

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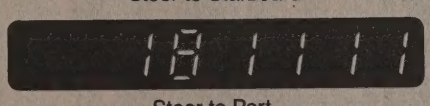

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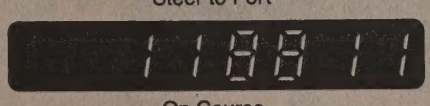

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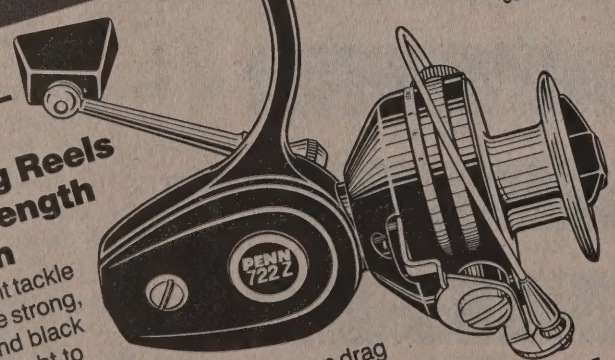

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I am resident of the Village of Bayville and am very unhappy about the decision of the Army Corps of Engineers to allow the dumping of Harbor dredgings 1.5 miles off of Lloyd Point. I feel that the impact on the environment would be devastating. The shellfishing in this area is some of the best on Long Island. Not to speak of sport and commercial fishing for flounder, fluke, striped bass, blue, and weakfish which I must remind you are on an incline. Because the water has been cleaned up I think if this dumping is allowed, all this will be lost. I also must add that at Lloyd Point there is a State Park which is open to surf fishermen. If this is allowed that will be no fish for them to fish for. *Joseph Rodgers, Bayville, New York.*

P.S.—During the course of writing this letter, my 11 and 7 year old sons asked where they were going to swim this summer.

We share your concern about the dredging spoils dumping in Long Island Sound. Perhaps you will recall that in prior years we worked with former Congressman Ambro to amend the Federal law that put restrictions on the magnitude and quality of dumping in Long Island Sound. We remained concerned about this new threat. There are groups working hard to fight this kind of dumping and we have been in touch with these groups in the hope that we can play a significant role in controlling such activities. Your letter, with copies to public officials, is appropriate and the type of concerned action that we need. Dr. W.A. Muller.

ANOTHER COMMENT ON L. I. SOUND DUMPING

This letter is in reference to the proposed dumping off of Lloyd's Neck in Long Island Sound. As a subscriber to The Long Island Fisherman and a fisherman in Long Island Sound for the past 15 years, I cannot see why they are allowing this to be done. We cannot fish Montauk because of gill nets and beach restrictions. Great South Bay is a gill netter's paradise. "What's left." To dump in this area would be a disaster to one of the finest sport fishing grounds we have left. Why not dump this waste in the Army Corps' back yard. I am sure you will be receiving letters galore on this matter. As Long Island Sound is the only place left where you can fish without getting your boat caught in nets or being chased off private property or being asked for one permit after another. *Michael Dam-*

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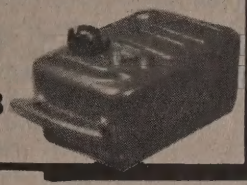

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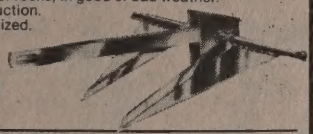

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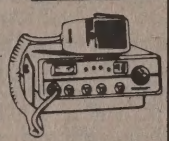

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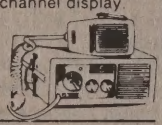

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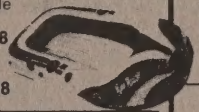

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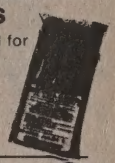

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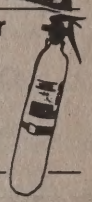

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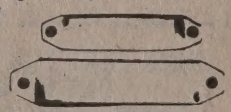

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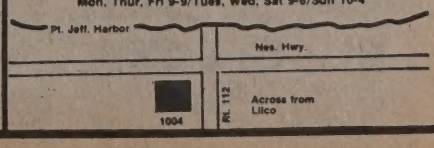

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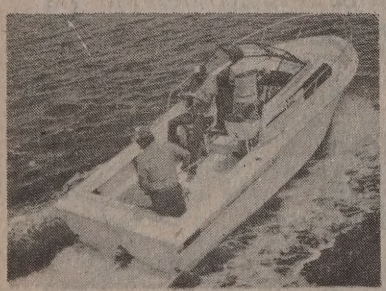

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Please refer to previous comments in response to another letter. You make a very good point about how intrusion on fishing is coming from so many different directions. We agree, which is why we have been so active this winter with an array of related matters. Again, let us urge all of our readers to write timely letters, since this is the best way to let our lawmakers know we aren't asleep out here. Keep writing those letters; they really work. Dr. W.A. Muller.

STILL MORE ON DUMPING

I am writing, in the possibility that you didn't hear the broadcast on WCBS, 1/31/82: that there was a barge dumping sulphuric acid in the New York waters and with government permission! I am also enclosing a newsprint which also concerns our "poor" earth.

I find it hard to believe, that in this era of so-called scientific achievement and understanding, that there are these (disordered to say the least) beings, that are utterly without a balanced sense, yet have the miserable ability and power to destroy the environment in our beautiful earth! Their fetish is *to make a buck*, with a total disregard of the merest ethics, coupled with extremely shortsightedness and selfish stupidity. This must be a monomania, amounting to actually an insidious desire to acquire great wealth, enhance their ego and make themselves the envy of their fellow man. (Me they annoy, with disgust.)

In the 20th Century environment laws are suggested and passed by a precious few legislators, which are quickly disregarded and/or special exceptions are made thereon, resulting in a quick nullification.

The broadcast I referred to also said that they were given permission by the government to dumlp the sulphuric acid...I wish it could be dumped on their "tail," perhaps it would be as a catalyst for their understanding and produce a flicker of realization, that they are needlessly destroying a necessary and harmless fellow creature of our only earth; that their pursuit for the intrinsically valueless coin of the realm, in stress, would be, even by these rapacious individuals, exchange all for a bite to eat or a mere glass of clean water!

Perhaps you could acquaint my fellow subscribers of the preceding, with your usual grace. *A. Schiavello, Queens, N.Y.*

As you can see, Anthony, you are not alone. The letters from fellow fishermen that also appear in this space this week testify to their concern and dedication. Unfortunately, there are many motives for laws that are passed and not all of them are altruistic. On the other hand, perhaps we should not be too forlorn about the situation since in a democracy people have recourse. Whether they choose to take appropriate action is another matter. There are still too many people who mean well and are concerned, but seem unable to move that extra step from their living room sofas to the desk to write a letter. Apathy, generated by countless thwarted efforts, is at least in part to blame. Yet, we need to know that few things remain exactly as they were. There was a time when people in marine recreational fishing had little influence or power. However, that is changing and our ability to defeat those with questionable motives has been growing, the enlightenment of the public is growing, and many people simply will not stand for abuses any more. The key to the success of your sport's future lies as much with individuals who take the time to write a letter as it does with those who take the time to write a letter as it does with those who originate the project. Keep writing—it works! Dr. W. A. Muller.

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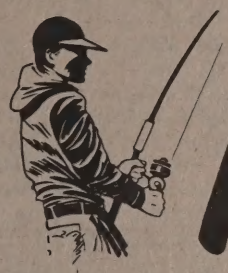

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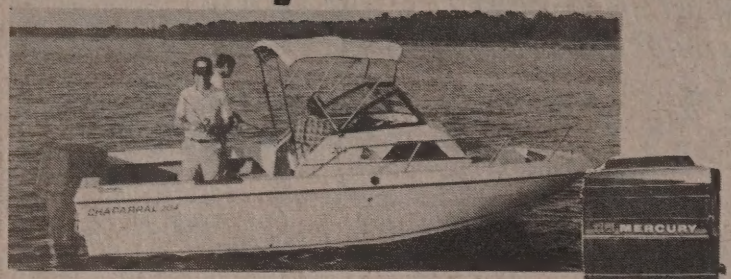

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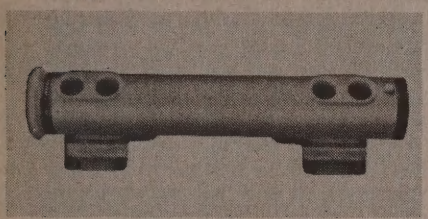

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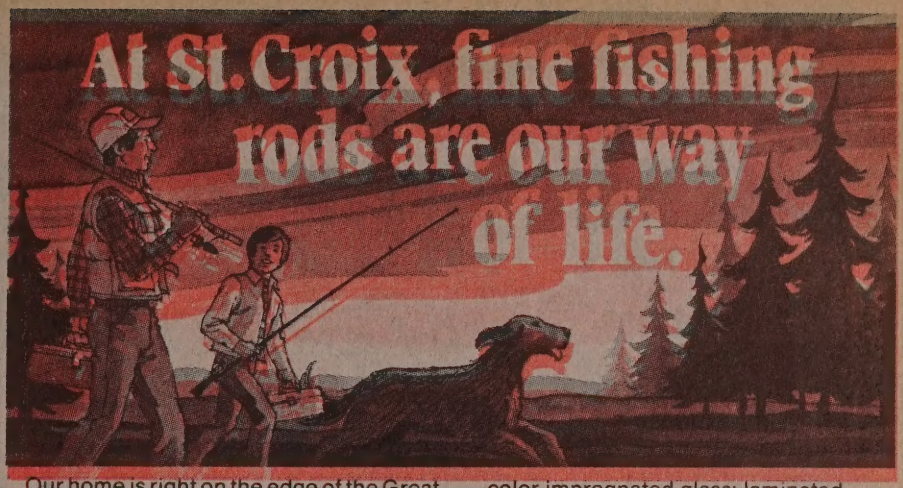

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

SEA TROUT AMANDINE

by Eileen Regina

One of the tastiest saltwater fishes in our area is the sea trout, called squeteague by the Indians who used to inhabit Long Island before we ripped it off. It is still called by that name up in New England, but we know that fish hereabouts as the weakfish. It makes no difference as all those names are all the same fish, an excellent food fish with white, delicate, lean meat. It is a fair weather fish, usually taken in our area from May through September, and does not stand up to our hot summer weather very well. Therefore, it should be kept as cool as possible when caught, and be cleaned upon capture. What Andy does if and when he catches weakfish, is to gut the fish as soon as it is caught, and keep it in an ice chest until he gets it home, making certain that the fish is kept cold without soaking in ice-water, which would also ruin that delicate flesh.

Called sea trout because flesh, taste, and appearance resembles freshwater trout somewhat, it can be cooked in much the same ways that its freshwater cousin is prepared. It lends well to being poached, sauteed, grilled, or baked and it is best when well-seasoned or served in or with a tangy sauce.

Sea trout are also delicious when stuffed and baked, a la the recipes we set down for striped bass or bluefish prepared in the same manner (LIF 9-7-78 & 10-16-80). The stuffing is the same and cooking directions follow suit, so rather than repeat published recipes, we humbly suggest that you look up one of those back issues if you are interested in some delicious eating. Today's recipe is a simple, classic way to prepare sea trout, and it is called:

SEA TROUT AMADINE

Ingredients (serves 4):
4 medium sea trout fillets
salt to taste
1 cup milk or beer
flour
2 tbs. oil
4 tbs. butter
1/4 cup slivered blanched almonds
1 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. minced parsley
1 peeled lemon, sliced

Season fillets with salt, dip them in either milk or beer (whichever preference you choose to exercise here is all right, as both produce delicious results) and dredge in flour.

In skillet, heat oil and butter and saute fillets quickly until golden brown on both sides. Transfer fillets gently to a hot serving dish.

Add almonds and lemon juice to skillet. Cook, while stirring, until almond slivers turn light golden color, then remove skillet from stove and spoon almonds and pan juices over the fillets you set aside in that hot serving dish earlier. Sprinkle with parsley, garnish with the lemon slices and serve at once. Sprinkle with parsley, garnish with the lemon slices and serve at once. French fried potatoes and broccoli spears usually accompanies this dish at our house, but you can use any other vegetables you desire. Corn niblets and green peas or corn on the cob and French style or cut green beans are other palatable combinations also.

We like to have a salad with our fish, and prefer something simple that will not detract from the main course, something like a plain tossed green salad or hearts of lettuce, with oil and vinegar dressing prepared from scratch. Though a dry white wine is par for the course with fish or seafood most of the time, perhaps a chilled rose wine will serve you better in this instance.

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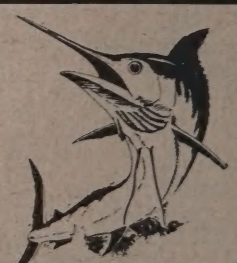

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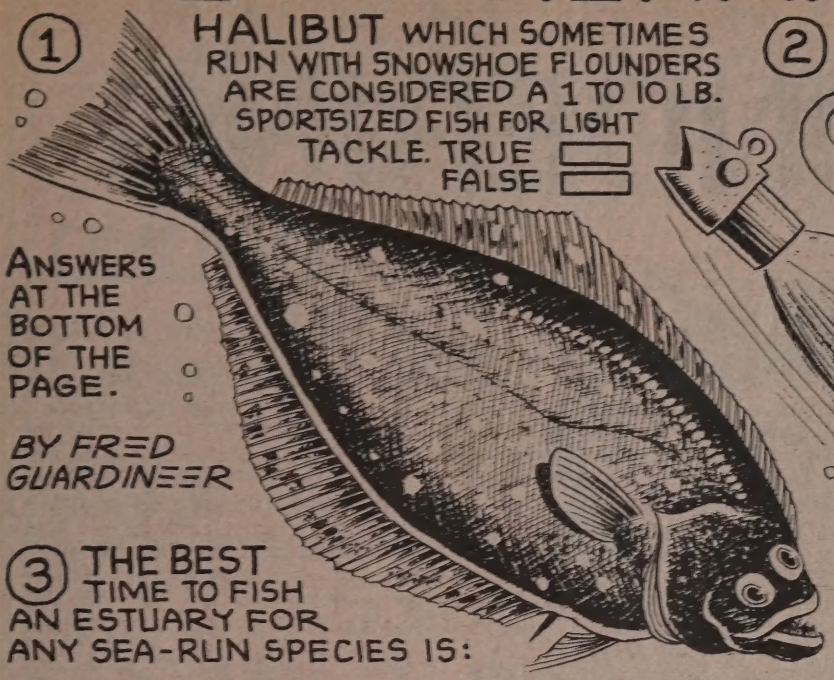

(1) HALIBUT WHICH SOMETIMES RUN WITH SNOWSHOE FLOUNDERS ARE CONSIDERED A 1 TO 10 LB. SPORTSIZED FISH FOR LIGHT TACKLE. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

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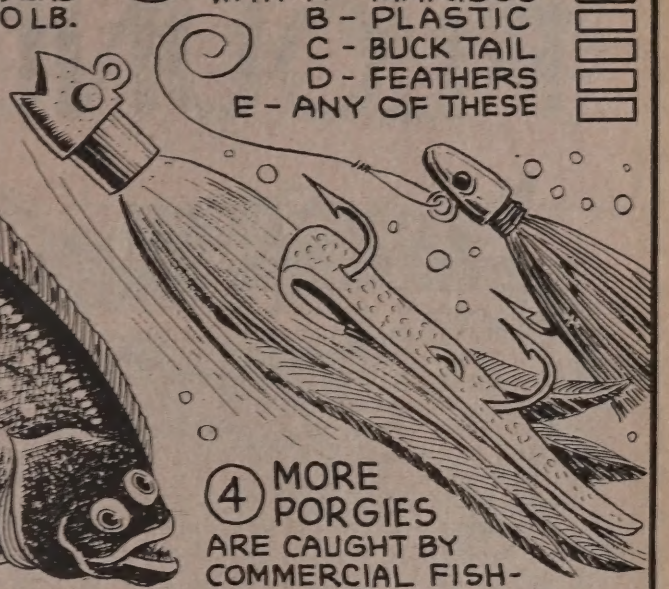

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THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF FLOOD TIDE ☐
THE LAST TWO HOURS OF EBB TIDE ☐

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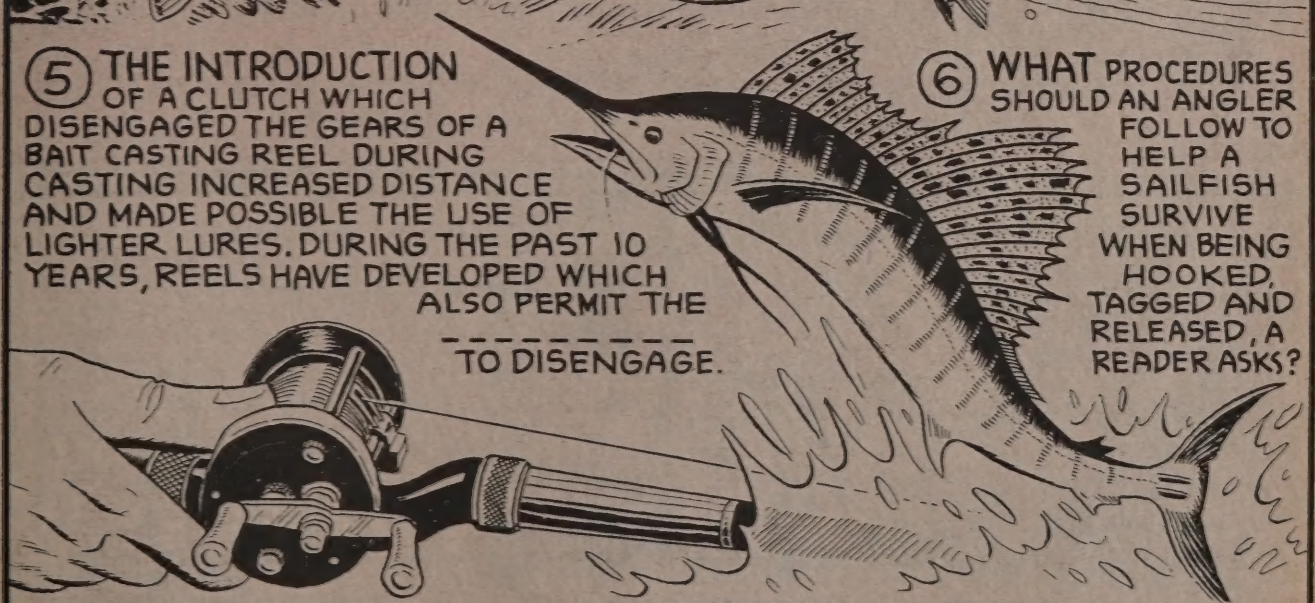

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(6) WHAT PROCEDURES SHOULD AN ANGLER FOLLOW TO HELP A SAILFISH SURVIVE WHEN BEING HOOKED, TAGGED AND RELEASED, A READER ASKS?

1 - FALSE. THE HALIBUT, A DEEPWATER SPECIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC, CAN REACH 9 FT. & 700 LBS. 2 - E. 3 - BOTH. 4 - TRUE. COMMERCIAL 3,135,005 LBS. RECREATIONAL 2,798,972 LBS. 5 - LEVELWIND. 6 - SET HOOK QUICKLY SO IT ISN'T SWALLOWED, BOAT FISH WITHIN 20 MINUTES TO AVOID OVER-EXHAUSTION AND CUT LEADER AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO HOOK WITHOUT REMOVING SAILFISH FROM THE WATER.

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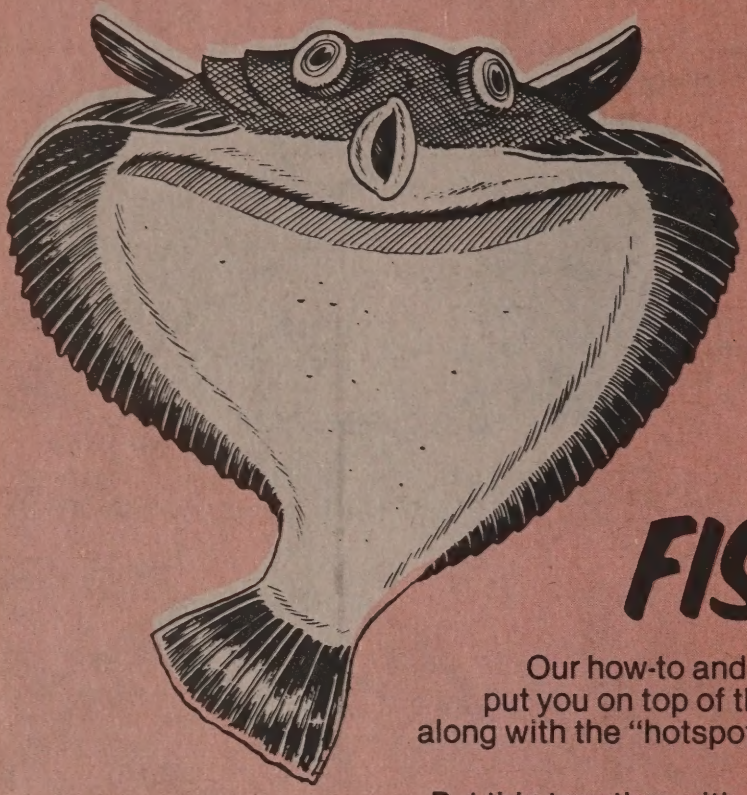

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FLUKE FISHING: THE WAY IT WAS

by Matt Ahern

Our beloved "old timer" relates the fluking of the good old days to the present.

As surely as night follows day, whenever I write an old-timer article such as this, one or two fishermen will get in touch and complain that the only reason I do so is to boast. "Stop bragging, dammit! Write about how to catch fish today! Never mind how fishing was fifty years ago! Who cares!"

I'm sorry, of course, that some fishermen feel this way; but there's not much to be done about such attitudes—except perhaps hope that these fellows will eventually see the light. Most fishermen realize I was indeed fortunate to have begun my fishing life during those great days of more than a half-century ago, but heck, man, I had nothing to do with it. I was simply at the right place at the right time.

As for the occasional writing of these particular articles, I do so for two reasons.

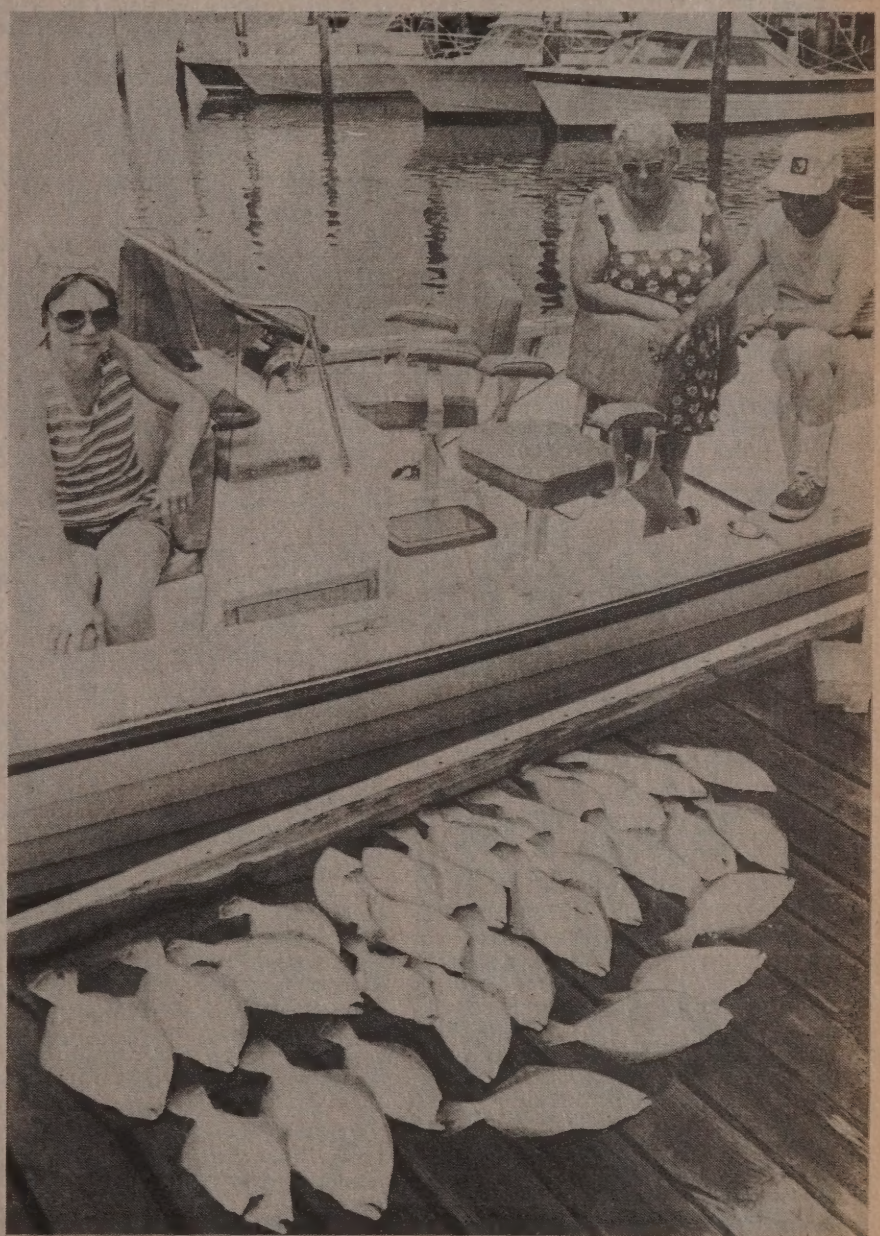
First, reader-mail demands that I do. (I'm certain there are few sinker bouncers among us who do not have a deep, abiding interest in "the way it was.") And second, it is an opportunity to make today's fishermen aware of what has been lost by not keeping an eye on the ball. I fear that because of this lack of attention we have lost more than we can ever hope to regain; at best, it will take a long time to catch-up.

Okay—enough of that. Let's get to old-time fluke fishing...the way it was.

A short quiz to start the ball rolling.

What do you consider a fair catch of fluke today? Six? Twelve? Twenty? This is difficult to answer simply because six fluke might be regarded as a good catch by one fisherman, and twenty not enough by another. But let's strike a happy medium and agree that a total of twelve fluke is an okay catch today. Actually, this seems to be what readers feel is ideal. "Hey, Matt," these fellows write, "I had a fluke ball last weekend—got 12 keepers." Which is good, for certainly a catch of 12 keeper fluke is nothing to sneeze at. It wasn't too long ago when to catch two such fluke was cause for much rejoicing.

But when I began fluke fishing on party boats as a kid, once a fisherman knew the ropes, once he (or she) knew exactly how to go about it, a catch of 40 to 50 fluke was about average. I recall one time counting my results at the end of an exceptionally good day and upon reaching 70, gave it up—with many more to go.



This is an outstanding catch of fluke by anyone's standards! Photo by Henry Schaefer.

Now, again, I know some will claim I'm bragging. Not so. All I'm doing is

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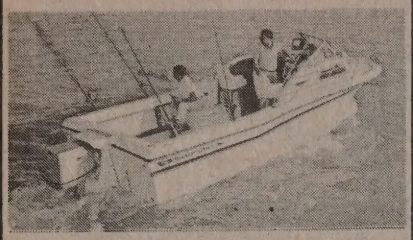

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relating the way it used to be. I know, too, some are thinking that with such catches it is the old-timer who is responsible for much of today's often lackluster results. Again, not so. No sport fisherman with hook and line can hope to compete with those who use nets, trawls, and so forth.

I'm sure, too, that some feel we fishermen of those long-gone days were pure unadulterated fish hogs. Again I must say: not so. To my knowledge no one was ever seriously considered as such. The fish were there and we fishermen did what came naturally: we caught them! None went to waste, that's for sure.

Nor was a dent ever made in the fish population. There were so many fluke available at the time (as well as all bottom feeders), it can be likened to walking an ocean beach and nonchalantly tossing a handful of sand into the sea. The removal of that handful of sand is never noticed.

To explain further, let me take you on my first fluke fishing trip of 55 years ago as I remember it. Which means that we'll have to go back to July, 1927 when I was a mere lad of thirteen. I'd caught fluke the year before in Jamaica Bay, but that Summer of 1927 was the start of my fluke fishing adventures aboard party boats.

Because I didn't begin to keep fishing records until a year or so later, this time I'm going on memory alone; and don't forget that these are the memories of a then high-impressionable 13-year-old boy. If you read something that doesn't agree with your own personal memories, or with what you've been told, please allow for it. I promise, though, that you will find no stretching of the truth.

As I remember it, most local party boats of that period fished four distinct areas for fluke. The Coney Island flats was one. As a rule, however, this general area was usually fished by private craft and small charter boats. Party boats fished the flats only on those days of desperation when other spots failed to supply enough action. (You see, we had our slow days, too.) I can say from personal experience that the Coney Island flats seldom failed to deliver. Some mighty big fluke were taken from these flats when I was a kid.

The Rockaway area on Long Island's south shore also provided excellent fluke fishing; but surprisingly (and I don't know why), I never fished here until the late 50s and early 60s on Captain Clem Esposito's Commodore out of Island Park. This entire beach front was another never-fail area. It still produces.

Another popular spot was the outside reaches of Rockaway Inlet. Fluke had always been available in this region, but it wasn't until the breakwater was completed in 1931/1932 that the area really came into its own. Especially in June. If the weather cooperated, it was impossible not to score. At the time, I recall reading a U.S. Bureau of Fisheries report which claimed that more fluke congregated off Rockaway Inlet in early summer than anywhere in Long Island's waters. And I guess it was true, for I can't remember a really poor day in that area.

But by far, the best place of all was Sandy Hook. It is the area from which most all my fluke fishing memories stem. It is the one place where fluke fishing was fluke fishing in the purest sense of the word. The one place that filled butter tubs to overflowing.

It was also the place where I caught my first fluke when party boat fishing. While I was not a complete stranger to party boat fishing during those tender years (I had caught "tons" of ling and whiting the previous spring), I was green when it came to ocean fluke fishing. And because of this I had to feel my way. Even so, with my lack of expertise I still managed to score with 14 good-sized fluke that first day.

After that, with willing help from the many master fishermen who frequented party boats at the time, those 14 fluke were to remain the least amount per trip I was to take for a good many years. (Except for one bummer of a day several years later which produced only four.)

Our riggings consisted of a 3' leader, a regular-shanked 4/0 Sproat hook, and that greatest fluke catcher of all: a 2" bottle-green killy. These killies were always hooked through both eyes for best results; today, I carefully insert that hook in the killy's mouth and out the gill cover. Except for that slight difference, this simple, no-frills rig still continues to put fluke in my bucket.

Those days we used no flashers, spoons, or revolving blades of any type. (A word to the wise is sufficient.) I remember that even those few fishermen who used the then popular mother-of-pearl squids were often greeted with remarks of derision. It was from these scoffing fishermen that I first heard that time-honored bottom fisherman's adage which declares that the less hardware (gizmos in this instance), the better. Truer words were never uttered.

When fluke fishing those days, every master fisherman I knew was on the lookout for small fluke. (Strangely, we saw few fluke which would be considered "shorts" today.) It was these small fish which provided fish bait for us. Upon the fluke's capture, the white side was immediately sliced into half-inch wide strips and unselfishly handed out to all. One strip of that belly along with the killy provided guaranteed action. This combination proved irresistible to Sandy Hook fluke. Nothing—and I repeat nothing—worked as well as this. Few pool winners fell for just a single killy.

I might as well mention, too, that those "throwbacks" so common today were indeed hard to come by when I was a kid. It was rare to catch

fluke under 1 lb.; most averaged closer to two. I would like to have a dollar right now for every 2 lber. (and better) I cut up for bait because of that scarcity of smaller fish. (We had no size limit then.)

Sandy Hook's Cedar Grounds was the area that produced the best fluke action during those glorious years. Weather conditions, of course, was the deciding factor on where to begin a drift—inshore or offshore. Actually, it wasn't all that important because the fish were everywhere. These drifts might continue on for a half-mile or more; but regardless, the fish were always coming over the rail. It was unusual for a fisherman to spend more than five minutes out of a drift without bringing up a fluke. I suppose for some, this will now seem hard to believe; but I kid you not.

Another short quiz: When drifting for fluke, which side of the boat do you find the easiest fishing? The side which allows your line to free-flow away from you—right? You don't enjoy fishing under the boat—right? If you agree, I'll say right now that your fluke fishing leaves much to be desired. I'll also say you would never have found those old-timers fishing for fluke in this manner. That "easy" method was left to amateurs and to all those unwilling to learn.

I might have been a green party boat fluke fisherman at the time, but I was a kid who was more than willing to learn—and the sooner, the better. I took the "easy" way too during the first hour or so. I remember that after dropping my rig alongside the boat on that "easy" side, I would allow slack and wait for a fluke to take over as the line peeled from the reel. It was a simple way to fish, all right, no strain or pain, but my results were nothing to write home about. I soon noticed that the fellows getting most of the action were those who fished the opposite side of the boat—the side facing into the drift. Actually, what these fellows were doing was simply presenting their bait before the boat passed over the fish and before most of the "easy-fishing" passengers had a chance to score.

To do this meant that casting (which was then permitted) was necessary in order to get the rig out as far as possible so there was ample time to hook a fluke from virgin territory before the boat reached the area. Casting, of course, was something I was unable to do. Even had I been able to, how far could a knee-pants kid cast an 8 oz. sinker, using a stiff rod and a sidewinder reel? Not very far.

But this difficulty was ended quickly that first day. One of the old-timers, Old Cal by name, had been watching me and smiling to himself as he noticed my futile efforts to cast underhand. He came over to me, took my rod, made a cast, and proceeded to give me instructions. "Now, sonny," he said, "when your sinker hits bottom, keep jigging and reeling in the slack. When the line feels like it's floating—like you can't feel bottom—that's a fluke. Count to three and sock it to 'im. You got that?"

"Yes, sir."

"Okay." He handed me the rod. "Now remember what I told you. I'll watch."

I don't think I had been jigging and reeling 30 seconds when the line suddenly went limp. I counted to three, my heart in my mouth, and reared back on the rod. And damned if it didn't work! I had a fluke! The first of thousands which were to come my way over the years when using this method.

I remember Old Cal kept his eye on me throughout the day, taking time out from his own fishing to cast my rig whenever it was possible for him to do so. It was because of this kind and gentle fisherman that I managed to catch those 14 fluke.

Who says I don't owe a debt to those old-timers of my day?

As I've mentioned, my fluke fishing methods have not changed much from those long-gone days. We fellows still drift, we still jig, and, except for the fact that not as much fishing is done off ocean beaches as it once was, fluke still continue to fall victim to those of us who understand the game.

Next week we'll get into fluke fishing as it is today—and how to go about catching our share.

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ULTRA-LIGHT BAITCASTING

by Lou Truppi

From big bruisers to light trout, ultra-light baitcasting offers great sport.

It's fashionable, ultra-light baitcasting. Everybody is talking about the new ultra small, lightweight spooled baitcasting reels. Many will handle the lighter lines down to 6# test, much finer than any past series of casting reels, and are able to cast far lighter lures than their predecessors. Well, how good are they; do they live up to their claims; are they really that good? In a word—yes.

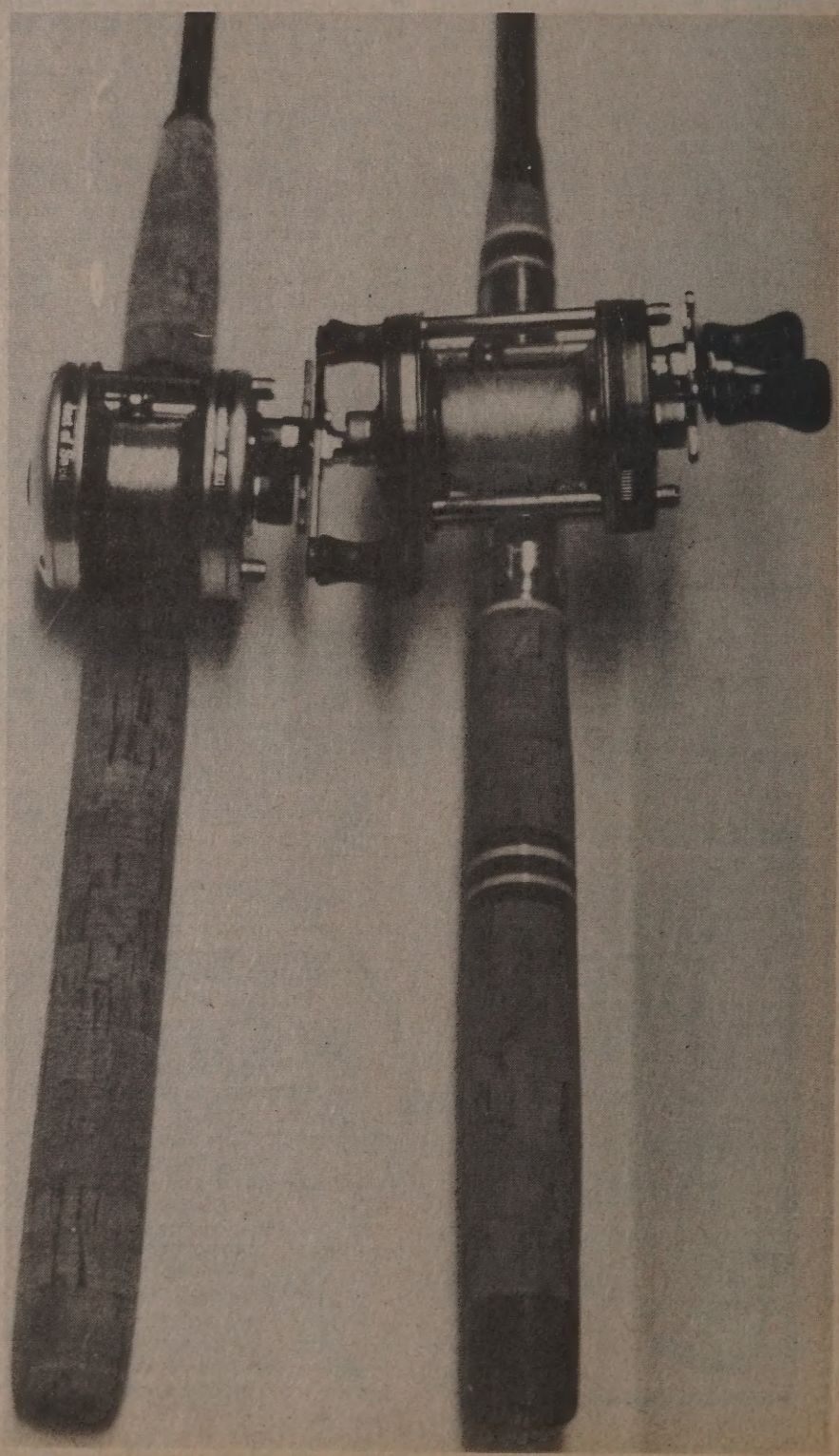
Over the past seasons I've enjoyed using several brands of these ultra-light baitcasting reels manufactured by Garcia, Shimano and Daiwa.

I've taken many species of fish including tarpon well into the 100 lb. range utilizing these reels and 6# to 10# lines. The fine tolerances exhibited by these reels preclude many instances of the light line behind the spool syndrome. This alone is worth the price of admission.

The reels, on the whole, proved capable of casting lures down to 1/4 oz. range and lighter when matched with a proper length rod and line. Oddly enough, it's not this new reel's performance that hinders what size lures they will handle, but rather the length and action of the rod that governs their casting range.

Let me cite several examples. The past five years I've been pursuing the 6 lb. class tarpon record. Most significantly, I've quickly learned how to fight big tough fish with baitcasting reels spooled with 6# mono. As I've pointed out earlier, these ultra-light reels performed well under most circumstances. Their fast, lightweight spools responded beautifully to a wide range of lures. I've concluded the size of fish that can be handled with these reels is definitely governed by the angler's skill. The biggest hindrance to my casting ability with lighter lures was my initial rod choice. These rods were the typical baitcasting series: 5½' in length, medium to light action graphites. The rods combined with an ultralight baitcasting reel and 6# line made lighter lure casting quite uncomfortable. The rod would not permit proper timing when casting. Due to the blank's stiffer tapers, the light lures could not flex the blank forcefully enough so that a smooth cast could be delivered. A problem I'm sure many ultralight baitcasters are currently facing.

The solution lies in proper rod selection. Any angler desiring to utilize these ultralight reels' total performance must select a longer,



Ultra-light reel on left is dwarfed by bigger brother, but still has the guts to handle big fish.

faster tip rod. I've settled on rods averaging 7' or so in length. These rods possess soft tips coupled with medium stuff butts. The softer tips enabled the lighter range of lures to be cast a great deal easier. The heavier butts permit fine big fish control, while the soft tips permit a sound cushion for lightline angling. I prefer my rods straight-gripped, however, I also have designed a 6½' rod with an offset handle that works well. It all relates to blank length and action to maintain good distance and accuracy with the light lures. Given an honest chance, the reels can definitely contribute their share.

A word about the shorter soft blanks. These blanks will definitely not perform as effectively as their longer counterparts. Reconcile yourself to the fact that these shorter blanks will cast a smaller, more rigid arc, thereby inducing more delivery force to be used in each respective cast. Utilizing more force when casting the light lures impedes accuracy and forces premature line wear in the light monos. This is not the way to go!

You'll quickly observe the pendulum action rendered through the longer rods. The less rigid wider casting arc will deliver a smooth precise feel combined with total blank flex, even for the lightweight lures. This situation allows for the blank to slow flex within its own confines. This slow flex energy is transmitted to the angler's ultralight lure and line equally along the rod's length, eliminating a sudden surge of power that might disrupt a light line cast. This combination turns your ultralight baitcasting nightmares into a pleasant dream.

The reels I've used are all fine quality since they were designed for ultralight use with 4# to 10# lines; I've never had any fail under a variety of big fish situations. Your line strength will generally dictate the amount of abuse your ultralight reel's drag will have to absorb. Surely you can readily ascertain that with a lighter line your drag, especially in a big fish situation, cannot be set up. Backed to my lightline tarpon fishing techniques. You quickly realize with ultralight tackle and a tough-mouthed fish you can't set the hook. The lure's hook must be razor-edged to literally embed itself. The only assist the angler can give is to move the rod in a sweeping side motion opposite the fish's path of direction to set the hook. No sharp jabs of the rod or you would break off your fish. These techniques, of course, apply only to large size fish taken on light lines. Another point I'd like to make is that when that trophy is hooked on ultralight tackle, your drag will, of course, be set to balance your line weight. In the case of 6# test or lighter, the reel's drag would be set at a maximum of 1 lb. or less with your thumb providing the extra pressure when required. In all light line angling, the reel's drag will get less of a workout than with the heavier lines. Therefore, the reel's casting ability should definitely supercede its overall strength when chosen for this use. It's always comforting to hear what a reel may be capable of, however, in ultralight fishing you're far better off with an educated thumb for casting and fighting that fish than super strong drag that you will seldom need! These qualities apply only to catching big fish. When faced with normal conditions and heavier rods and line, the reel's drag may be set to 20% or more of the line's breaking strength, again depending on fishing conditions. When a heavy drag is called for, make sure you've chosen a reel that displays a smooth operating one under all conditions.

You can readily see what really limits the ultralight reel's abilities are other than the reel itself. They can and do perform for a series of fishing assignments when balanced with a proper line and rod. Their ability to use the fine lines does, however, possess limitations. Two and four pound test line still, in my opinion, belong to the spinning fraternity. When it comes to casting 1/4 oz. and under lures over a wide range of conditions, spinning gets the nod.

You should, whenever possible, always try to balance your casting outfit to cover a given fishing situation. That is to say, that if you intend to use a 1/4 oz. lure coupled with a line testing 12 lbs. or up, the rod lengths should be increased to provide that extra slow flex power to softly deliver added impetus to the light lure to extend casting range. Even though the reel's spool is light fast turning style, the heavier lines will take a set to offset the spool's turning ability. Therefore, you must "sort of" add weight to the lure to overcome its light casting weight. Remember the casting reel operates on the force of delivery. The light lure coupled with a heavy line stall this driving force known as inertia. To regain its power, the rod now becomes a critical component to deliver this extra energy that the light lure does not possess. Its flex propels the lure sort of like a bow drives an arrow, in a powerful, yet smooth motion. No sharp shudder or fast snap to impart collective energy in one fell swoop.

Every instance when heavier line is used with a light lure, the rod must be soft enough to correlate the lure's lack of weight. Using light lines with light lures readily falls into the realm of this style rod. So try to foresee the range of lure weights you might use and choose rod and line accordingly to gain optimum reel performance.

Ultralight baitcasting certainly is here to stay. When used properly and finely balanced, it will deliver. It, however, is no panacea or substitute for spinning tackle especially in the ultralight lure category. Used within its acceptable limits, it performs admirably. The future in ultralight baitcasting is now!

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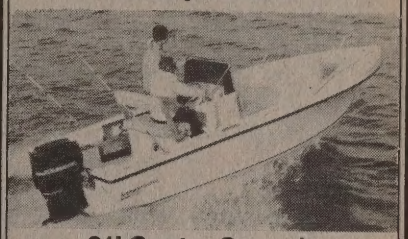

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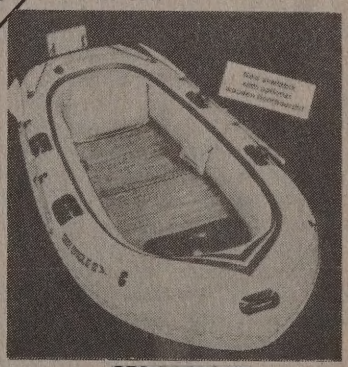

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MONTAUK'S LEISURE SIDE

by John Fritz

Montauk Point, long synonomous with crashing surf, crowds and big sticks, has another face that few surfmen see.

In the minds of many surf fishermen, the principal detriment to fishing the Montauk surf lies in the amount of people who try to fish within a limited area. From mid-September to mid-October, the competition for a piece of beach, either under the Light or on North Bar when it was the center of attention, took much of the joy out of the sport. There are several reasons for Montauk's popularity during this span of time. Foremost among them is the excellent run of blues and weaks plus sporadic flurries of bass action. Coupled with this fine run of fish is the moderate weather conditions generally prevailing throughout this period which entices numerous surf nuts to forego summer vacations for the opportunity to participate in this remarkable fishing without the worry of reporting to work in the morning.

While this run of fish is well known to surfmen along the immediate coast, Montauk regulars are aware that other periods of peak activity occur throughout the fishing season. It is at these times that productive fishing is unhampered by hordes of prospective anglers—some with inadequate equipment and little knowledge of basic practices necessary for close quarter fishing. There are occasions when splendid runs of weakfish can be engaged, successive bouts with high spirited schools of bluefish, or finger-numbing sessions with striped bass.

However, one run of fish receives little attention outside the Montauk area and this is the spring run of striped bass. The reason for this lack of interest probably lies in the fact that many anglers are unwilling to forsake their home waters so early in the season. While many are content to chase small blues, pursue weakfish or pick an occasional bass, a golden opportunity to land decent stripers along the north side of the Point is being wasted. Surfmen desiring to undertake this early bass fishing at Montauk are advised to leave the tackle normally used here in the fall at home; darters and bottle plugs will see little use at this time. The majority of anglers pursuing these fish after dark prefer 7'' versions of the Rebel type swimming plugs with the yellow-backed pearl RedFin the overall choice. This plug, sometimes called the chicken plug because the markings along the flanks of the lure resemble the imprint of a chicken's foot, is basically all white with just the uppermost portion tinted a pale yellow. Occasionally, this pattern plug is in short supply in many local tackle stores, but because of their popularity in the Montauk area, Johnny at Kronuch's Tackle Shop on Main Street makes sure this item is well stocked. At any rate, there are other lures which will take fish including, but not limited to, the blue and pearl RedFin and the black and silver Rebel. The latter plug can be purchased in either a rough sided version or with the more recent smooth finish. The latest model 7'' Rebel, in addition to its highly reflective finish, is designed with a slightly thicker body much like the shape of the old windcheater floater. In the opinion of many of my colleagues, this new design further improves the action of an established fish catcher.

Even though the aforementioned lures account for many Montauk bass, modifications of the plug itself and in the presentation of the lure are occasionally needed. The addition of various amounts of water to the body of the RedFins will increase the weight and therefore, the casting range without adversely affecting its action. This is especially helpful when attempting to cast into an onshore wind, but even on calm nights that extra reach might enable the angler to place his lure into the outer rips. The 6 to 9 cc's of water will also cause the plug to swim at a lower depth which, at times, will be the answer when the bass refuse to strike a surface lure. The use of sinking plugs along this shore is not advised for the bottom is paved with rocks and marine vegetation ready to snare any lure that sinks deep. A previous article printed in The Fisherman by Steve Petri described the method by which these plugs are loaded, but those of you so inclined can purchase weighted RedFins at Kronuch's.

One other modification, when presenting a swimming plug, is in more widespread use around the Island. This is the addition of a teaser; either feathered or the increasingly popular Red Gill. Because the baitfish at this early stage of the season are relatively small, it is difficult to ''match the hatch'' with plugs alone. Various sized feathered teasers can be tied beforehand giving the angler every possible advantage in imitating the prevailing baitfish. Red Gills are available in four sizes: 2½, 4, 6, and 8 inch lengths. The most popular size Red Gill teaser is the 4'' model called the Rascal. A danger encountered when fishing with the Red Gill is that if it is reeled too rapidly or when used in fast running water the lure tends to quiver excessively causing it to lose its natural swimming action.

Even though the 7'' swimmers are most favored in the heavy water encountered from the Light to the North Bar, the smaller 4'' and 5'' models of these plugs are chosen in certain other instances. This is true on exceptionally calm nights with little ground swell. The use of these lesser sized plugs is more common when the area to the west, from Rocky Point to Split Rock, is being fished. Driving in this area, especially at times of high water, can be dangerous, therefore, it is wise to scout the track beforehand, preferably during the daylight.

A method practiced by many successful surfmen when using a variety of small plugs is to choose a certain plug according to the force of the current. By this I mean that when there is little or no current flow, the fast action plugs, such as the broken-back Rebels or RedFins, are used. The tail section of this two piece plug requires scarcely any surge of water to activate its built-in action. As the force of the flow increases a switch to the one piece model is made with a corresponding decrease in the rate of retrieve. When the current has built up a full head of steam, plugs similar to the HelCat, with little action of its own, are favored. At this time the handle of the reel is barely turned, for the rush of water against the lip of the plug will provide ample action.

Not all of this fishing is done during the nighttime hours. On many occasions, flurries of action take place prior to sunset and for a short period after sunrise. It is at this time that

small poppers and tin will frequently put bass on the beach. One favorite lure during these periods is the 1/2 oz. red and white Cordell popper. The taking of decent striped bass on popping plugs is becoming increasingly rare these days; so this is a welcome event.

Although not as exciting, but equally effective as poppers, is the use of certain metal lures. The 1¼ oz. Hopkins No-Eql, the 1 oz. Kastmaster or particular Diamond Feather Lures in block tin will all produce fish. Such Diamond Feather tins as the 3/4 oz J-15, 1 oz. J-8 Jr, the 1 oz. #10, or the 1 oz. FT Jr are ideal when fishing in rocky areas such as this for they are of sufficient weight and design to ensure a good cast, but not overly weighted to cause the lure to dive towards the bottom when retrieved at a normal rate of speed.

Some Montauk sharpies will employ metal lures at night, not only as expected in a sharp onshore wind, but to gain that extra casting distance a light plug cannot give. Tins painted yellow and adorned with a similar colored feathered tail hooks are most popular, but the color white is an excellent second choice, especially if the water is clear and the moon is shining brightly.

Medium action rods in 9' or 10' lengths equipped with reels similar in size to the Penn 710 or Penn 704 reels are ideally suited for this fishing. In recent years many surfmen are changing to skirted spool spinning reels comparable to the Penn 550SS for casting these lighter lures. Lines testing at 10 or 12 lb. test are adequate, although some anglers prefer going light with 8 lb. test, while others feel 15 lb. test is more appropriate for this rough shore line. My preference is Ande, but that is of little consequence if one is satisfied with a different brand of line.

Before I conclude my thoughts on the proper equipment, I would like to point out that much of this fishing is done while the angler is waded deep into the water. At this early stage of the season the water has had little chance to absorb much of the sun's heat. After prolonged fishing periods, the chill from the water, coupled with the damp night air will make any angler not properly dressed uncomfortable. Long underwear and wool sweaters might seem inappropriate under the daytime sun, but these articles are a welcome addition during the chill of the night.

Fishing for bass usually begins here around the middle part of May with action getting progressively better towards the start of June as more and more fish migrate into the area. Productive bass fishing can be savored over a six-week period until the schools of weakfish take over the inshore waters; but that is another story.

Unlike the fall run of the past few years, spring bass fishing thankfully is not confined to the Lighthouse area, but rather spread along the shore from Scotts to Shagwong. The most popular locations center around Jones Reef, False Bar and North Bar with limited action found along the beach towards Oyster Pond. The greater part of the effort at North Bar and False Bar takes place during the ebbing tide, while Jones Reef has been known to produce fish on either tide. Gentle winds are favored for this light tackle fishing "Montauk style," but I recall one hectic day on North Bar under a stiff northeast blow, so don't cancel a trip for seemingly adverse weather conditions.

As at other times during the year when local bass are difficult to come by, give a thought to the eastern tip of Long Island. For just as Montauk saves the day by producing excellent fall fishing, the spring run of fish can provide a measure of success so difficult to achieve in other areas of the Island.

The use of lighter tackle makes taking even school bass a pleasurable experience.

GO LIGHT FOR MAXIMUM SPORT

by Pete Barrett

It's all relative to your point of view, and how light you actually go often depends on the fish you seek. One thing is certain: if you are in an angling rut tired of the same fish, on the same tackle and under the same conditions, you are an ideal candidate for the club of light tackle fishing.

Speed, combined with strength and endurance all add up to a set of requirements that call for careful selection of tackle, lines, lures and the many small details that are often overlooked when using heavier gear.

What is light tackle? That answer is a tough one to get any group of anglers to agree on. My own rule of thumb for inshore fish is a 1 to 3 ratio of pound test to fish weight. For offshore species like tunas and small to medium billfish the ratio goes up to 1 to 5. While fishing for bay weaks, that ratio would work out to about four pound test for fish up to 12 lbs. in weight, while twelve pound test would be appropriate for tunas to 40 or 50 lbs.

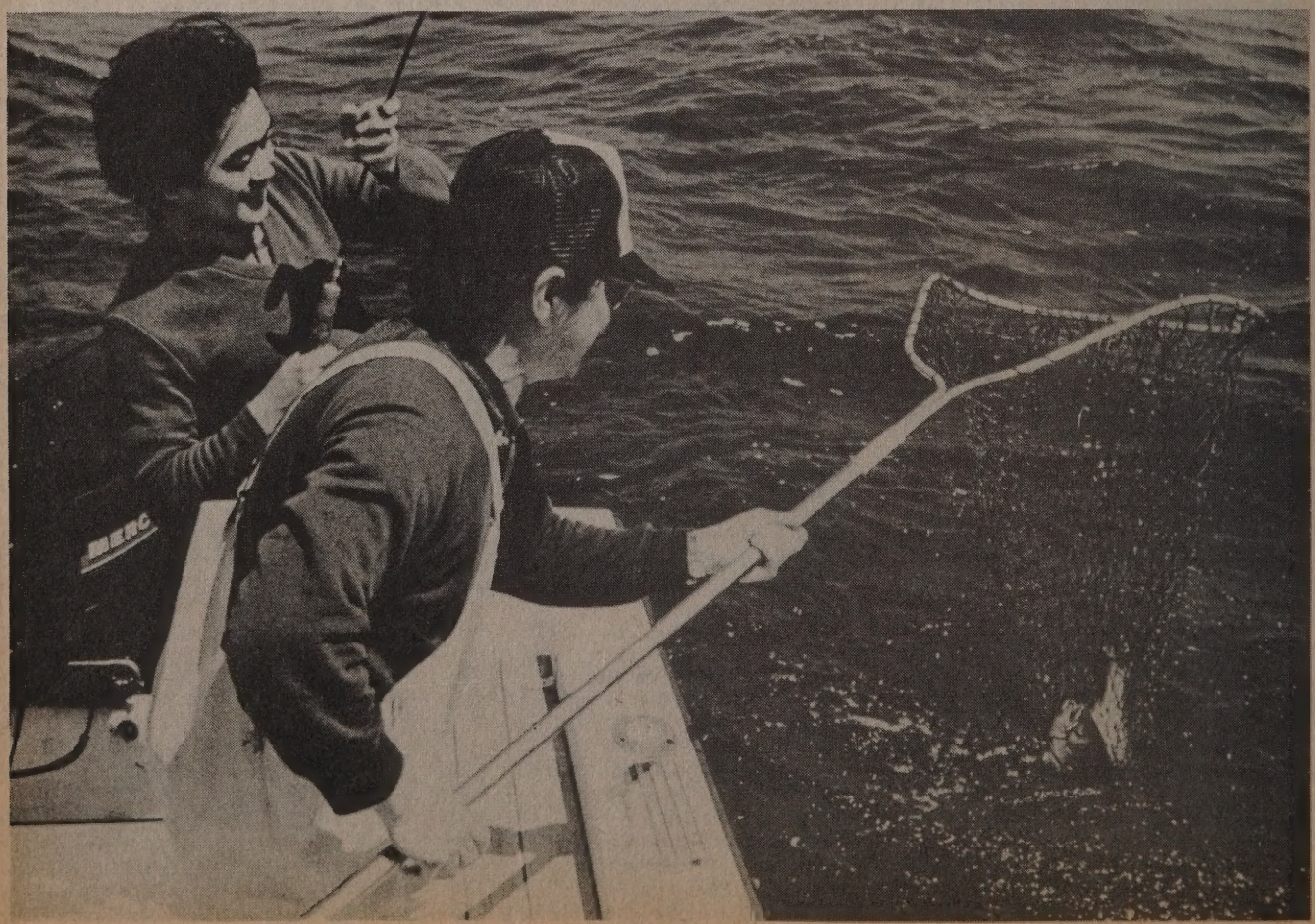
If you are just getting started in light tackle angling, perhaps a ratio of 1 to 2 would be best until you get some practice under your belt. More proficient anglers will smile at my conservative ratio as they seek huge fish like 200 lb. tuna on twelve pound line. That's one of the best parts of light tackle fishing: you make your own rules, set your own goals.

You can test your reel for a smooth drag by enlisting the aid of your son or daughter. Hitch the line to the back fender of their bicycle and let them race off seven or more feet of line. If the rod tip bucks repeatedly as line is pulled from the reel, the drag is no good for light tackle angling. Smooth up the drag by applying STP, silicone grease, Teflon washers, Never Seez, or light oil. The only exception that I know of is asbestos washers which must be clean and dry to function at their best.

To keep rollers rolling, they need a light application of oil, often several times a day. I once forgot to bring spray oil with me and after a half dozen bluefish, the roller guide on my reel began to screech like the devil. A drop of suntan oil saved the day until I could service the roller back at the dock.

Getting light tackle fishermen to agree on what makes the best rod would be like choosing the best girl for the prom. We all prefer different qualities. In some very light tackle situations, a long limber rod with as much action as a spaghetti noodle is best, yet for most fishing conditions a rod with some beef in the butt section is better.

The term "progressive taper" was popularized by tackle companies a



Ken Shimizu nets a blue caught by his son Keenan on 6 lb. tackle.

few years ago, and they tried so many variations of it that the term is no longer valid when a copy writer sticks it in an advertisement. The first progressive taper rods bent in ever greater arcs as more pressure was applied against the blank. With a light weight, the top 1/3 of the rod bent, heavier pressure made the rest of the rod bend down into the butt. This is the type of action I prefer. Rods that have no guts in the butt don't fight fish well. Despite the thread-like lines, you can still apply a surprising amount of pressure to a big fish with the proper rod.

Many light tackle boys look for rods that are slightly longer than usual since longer rods tend to tire fish more quickly and they provide a cushioning effect that protects the line from snapping as a fish makes a sudden lunge at the side of the boat. Often you may be casting very light lures which are more easily handled with a slightly longer rod.

There are many high quality lines on the market: some sold as limp and soft, while others are slightly stiffer. The stiffer lines are usually better for light tackle purposes.

Line is relatively inexpensive when compared to the cost of the custom rods and fancy reels some anglers use, and it pays to change line frequently. Under the strain of battling a big fish the line may exceed its elasticity limit and eventually weaken to such a point that it will break with little strain. One line manufacturer explained that constant stretching of the line will eventually realign the molecules causing structure changes to the compounds that make up the monofilament formula. This also weakens the line.

Fanatical light tackle anglers may change the line after each fish! Others after each day or once a week depending on how many fish were caught on a particular outfit. If a rod and reel was not used frequently, you might get away with changing the line once a month or more.

At the very least you should re-tie all knots and replace leaders after each day's fishing. The end of the mono line takes a tremendous amount of strain, abrasion and abuse that can cause it to become weakened by frays, rubs, nicks and excess pressure.

Striking a fish with light tackle can be a problem. Wispy lines don't have much ability to drive a hook home much like a tack hammer would be an unlikely choice for a carpenter to drive home ten penny nails! To achieve good hook-ups at the strike, hooks must be razor sharp and honed to perfection with a file. A triangulated hook will penetrate much better than a simple rounded point and some anglers file the point of the hook so it is slightly shorter than the factory issue. You can also file down the barb slightly so it will penetrate better.

When actually setting the hook it is critical to have all the slack out of the line so have a direct pull angle at the fish. Tests by several noted light tackle experts have shown that a series of short, quick jabs of the hook by fast sweeps of the rod tip result in more solid hook ups. The time honored single, hard upward sweep often doesn't get the hook deeply seated in the fish's jaw.

I tried an informal experiment in my yard by attaching 3/0 fly hooks to a block of pine, styrofoam and a cardboard box. A single sharp lift of the rod with about 50 feet of line out did not penetrate the barb of the hook in any of the materials, but four short, swift jerks implanted the hook beyond the barb in the foam and the cardboard, and a considerable ways into the wood block.

It would take a book to go into all the techniques of light tackle fishing and Mark Sosin has already done an excellent job with a book he released last year titled "Practical Light Tackle Fishing." It is published by Nick Lyons Books, a division of the Doubleday Company and is available from many bookstores and tackle shops. If you're serious about fishing, light tackle or not, it would pay to get a copy of this fact filled book.

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Stemming The Tide(runner)

by Gerald Hahn

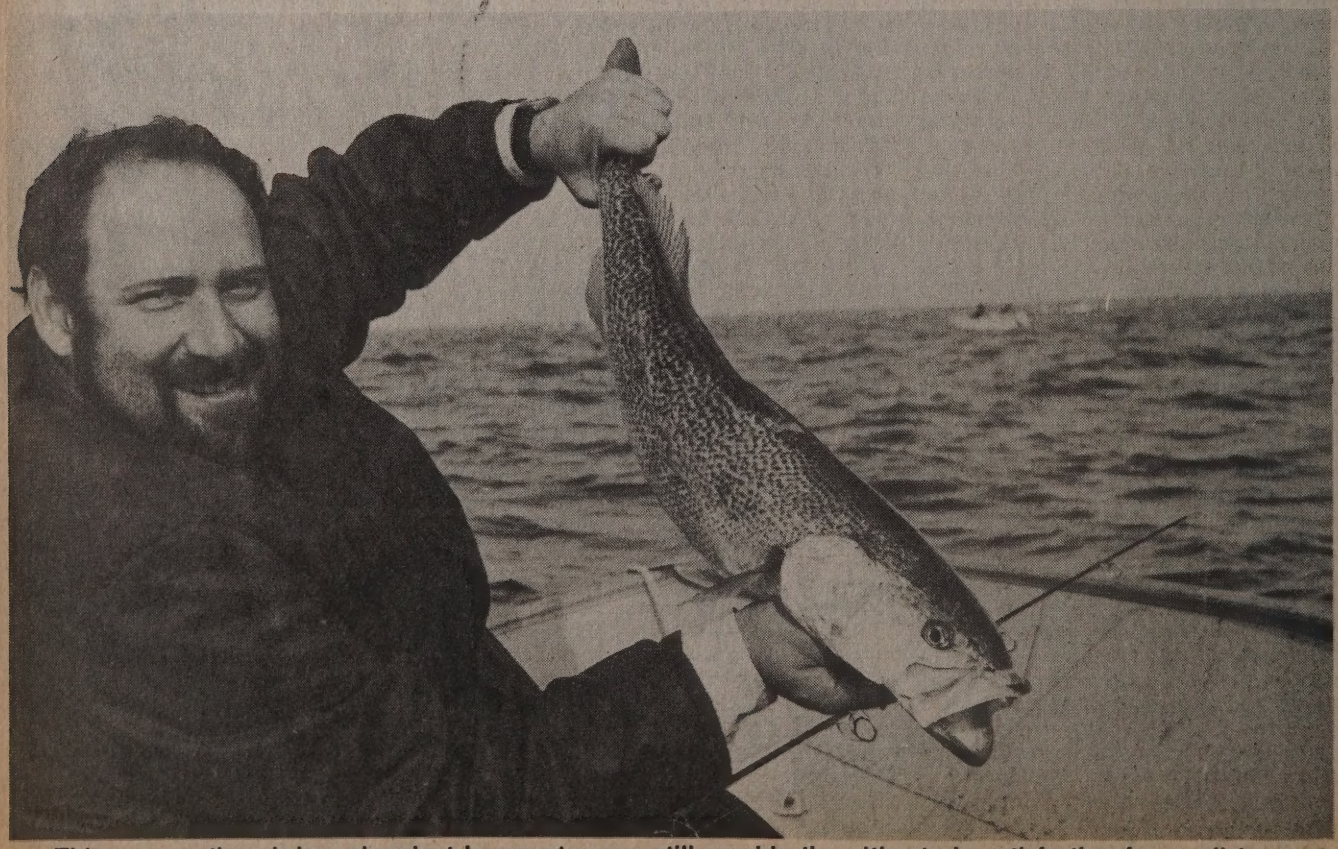
Catching big weaks requires a little more thought and effort than it did several years back but this has not hurt their popularity one bit.

Most fishermen today would rather catch a tiderunner weakfish than a chopper bluefish. One reason is that blues have been so abundant in recent years that fishermen feel they can catch them any time. Large weaks, however, are in a decline, and even in better times they seldom found Long Island's waters suitable for more than a few weeks. It seems that whenever species become scarce, more fishermen suddenly take interest in them. Another reason is that weaks are the largest fish the average skiff renter can catch. Striped bass (in significantly greater decline than weakfish) are taken almost exclusively at night when boats are not for rent, and chopper blues prowl the ocean, where small craft anglers dare not venture Finally, many people prefer the delicate flavor of a weak to an oily blue. Thus, for the small boat fisherman, tiderunners reign supreme.

Trying to intercept a tiderunner, however, is like making an appointment with a surgeon. Even during the spring run, it is a challenge these days. For every angler who scores with a dozen or more weaks, three anglers will return empty-handed and the rest with merely a few fish. Do not expect quantity, then, if you plan to fish for tiderunners. Expect quality instead, since the smallest weakfish will undoubtedly weigh 5 lbs. and the largest will weigh more than 10 lbs.

Despite lavish praises to the contrary, I find that most tiderunners are not fierce adversaries. Which is not to say I'd rather catch bluefish. Furthermore, tiderunners' mouths are so fragile that delicate handling is required. For these reasons, fishermen use surprisingly light tackle for such large fish, even on party boats. A 7', whippy spinning rod with a limber tip, a medium-sized reel filled with 10 or 12 lb. test, are more than adequate. I like to fish even lighter, with a 6' rod, a small reel and 8 lb. test. A light drag setting and a flexible rod will sustain against any tiderunner. For those inclined, light conventional gear works just as well.

Weakfish may be taken on lures or bait, and today the sophisticated angler takes no chances. He brings along both. The most effective lures these days are leadhead jigs with soft plastic or rubbery tails: Manns jellyworms, Bagley's Salty Dogs, Boone's touts, Mr. Twisters, Tri-Fin eelworms, tiger tails and Alou Eels are only a few of the many patterns simulating sea worms, shrimp, grubs



Tiderunners, though less abundant in recent years, still provide the ultimate in satisfaction for small boat anglers.

and aquatic insects, and baitfish. Favored colors are fluorescent red (including strawberry and pink), yellow, white and grape. No less effective, though less popular today, are white or yellow leadhead bucktails, metal lures and small swimming plugs. The lures should weigh between 3/8 and 5/8 oz. and may be fished plain or sweetened with a strip of squid or a sandworm. Though many fishermen use snaps to facilitate changing lures, I prefer tying mine directly to the fishing line with an improved clinch knot or to a shocker connected to the main line with a blood knot.

Bait fishermen rely primarily on hi-lo rigs for weakfish. A whole sandworm is impaled on one hook and a strip of squid on the other. The rig is fashioned with a long leader of 30 lb. test, to which a 3-way swivel is tied with an improved clinch knot. The second eye of the swivel is then attached to the main line with the same knot. On the bottom of the leader an end loop secures a bank sinker (1-5 oz., depending on where you fish), and about 2'' or 3'' above the sinker a dropper loop is formed for the bottom hook. The top hook goes through the third eye of the swivel. The hooks, 2/0 beaks, Claws, Carlisles, or O'Shaughnessies should be snelled on long leaders of 30 lb. test. The leader for the rig should be long enough to clear the two hooks from tangling with each other.

Some fishermen prefer single hook rigs for avoiding tangles. One variation is a high hook, consisting of the rig already described minus the bottom hook. Another makes use of a sliding egg sinker on the main line above a barrel swivel, to which the line has been tied. The snelled hook goes through the remaining eye of the swivel. This variation of a fishfinder rig is effective because a sly weakfish will not feel the sinker's resistance when hitting the bait. Also worth considering when weakfish are feeding near the surface is a rig with a small clinch sinker above the hook, or with no sinker at all.

No matter whether you use lures or bait or a combination of the two, the best way to catch weakfish is by drifting for them. Similar to fishing for fluke, the lure or baited rig is dragged along the bottom about 50' to 100' behind the boat. Some fishermen jig the lure to impart some action, but I have seen anglers catch weaks by holding the rod still. In fact, my fishing buddy hooked a 9 lber. on a dead stick. The stick was so dead, he was fast asleep when it happened. The drifting boat provides plenty of action. Another drifting method is to cast the lure diagonally and slightly ahead of the boat and retrieve the lure **slowly**. The lure moves naturally when it is not being dragged by the boat. Light drag settings on the reel and moderate retrieves or dead stick fishing are essential to catching tiderunners.

Knowing how and where to drift for weaks depends on the bay you select during the spring run. The two bays best known for harboring tiderunners are Peconic Bay and Great South Bay. Since I do most of my spring weakfishing in the Peconics, I will concentrate on this area. In the west end the most productive spots are along the South Race, between Robins Island and the south fork. Buoys 25 to 30 mark this area, the drifts generally heading west on the incoming tide and east on the outgoing tide. The buoy numbers are lower the farther east you head. Some days, prevailing northerly winds push the boats to the south side, as well. Although most fishermen drift along the channel edges off the buoys, weakfish are also located closer to the south shore. A particularly rewarding area here is called the ''sand slide,'' an isolated patch of sand on an otherwise green bluff. Also worth checking are the tide rips formed along the south side of Robin's. Heading east, buoy 23 often harbors large weakfish, as does the Rose's Grove area to the south, near a prominent tower. An offshore sand bar between the tower and the sand slide should definitely be explored on the outgoing tide. East of Rose's Grove is the Middle Grounds, near buoys 17 and 18. The water narrows here as a result of the peninsula at Jessup's Neck on the south side, and the current runs very deep and swift. A good drifting area in this vicinity is in the cove formed by Jessup's Neck and the south fork, near some fish traps. In the east end of the Peconics, the area between Shelter Island's west side and Paradise Point on the north fork is another good drifting area, especially during the tail end of the spring run, when the fish are spread out. The ''Greenlawns'' area, slightly north of Paradise Point, is another good drifting area, because it has a quick dropoff close to shore. Two houses elevated on identical sloping lawns, like an ad for Doublemint gum, are responsible for the name. Coming back west along the north fork, Nassau Point, with its prominent white house, has a similar configuration to the south side of Robin's Island, and therefore, is a good area to drift. Occasionally, the west side of Robin's is productive, especially when tide and wind cooperate and allow a long drift south, almost to the Shinnecock Canal.

Tiderunners, as the name implies, are most active around tidal change periods. During the spring run, the fish are active even in the day, so long as the tide is changing at that time. Still, it is better to arrive early and to select a day with a tidal change early in the day. This will give you a second crack at the fish in the afternoon, before the boat is returned. Of course, private boat owners have the advantage of fishing truly at dawn, as well as in the evening and night, the best times for catching tiderunners.

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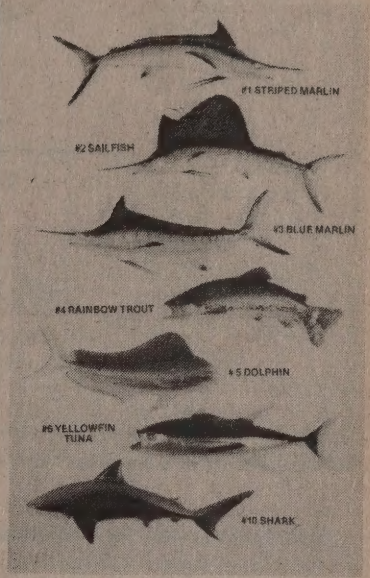

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changing patterns is essential to success, especially when drifting for many hours without a hit. For example, on one trip last year, my partner and I caught several weaks in the morning, south of buoy 29. Then everything went dead until the afternoon tidal change. But by then the fish had moved east to buoys 25 and 26. Unfortunately, many fishermen, having drifted the entire day without a nibble, were exhausted by then and found it easier to make long drifts than to repeat short ones. It soon became evident, however, that most of the fish were being taken within "two blocks" of the buoys. Tired as we were, we shortened our drifts accordingly and scored again, whereas the others did not. Weakfishing typically involves many fruitless hours, spiced by short periods of activity.

What can be done in-between? You may continue drifting and perhaps catch a stray weakfish, or you can anchor near a channel edge or a sand bar and chum for them with ground mossbunker or shrimp. Sometimes, fishing at anchor is more productive than drifting for weaks; that is, if you can find a safe place. During the brief active periods, anchoring amidst drifting boats is out of the question, but during the long slow periods, the boats scatter and anchoring is possible.

Then again, Peconic Bay is not entirely devoid of other sea life at this time. In fact, the weakfish run is often coincidental to the beginning of the porgy season, and large sea porgies over 1½ lbs. are certainly worth considering. If you replace the bottom weakfish hook with a pair of tandem tied Claw hooks, size 1, you can drift or anchor for porgies while you fish for weaks. Small pieces of clam or sand worms on these hooks take care of the porgies, while a whole sandworm or squid strip on top takes care of the weakfish.

Mid-May is generally the best time to try for tiderunners in the Peconics. Nevertheless, you should check at local tackle shops, fishing stations, or the local reports in back of this publication. Last season, the run did not get under way until the third week in May.

Boat rental stations are located all along the north and south forks. Check the ads for Southold, New Suffolk, Noyac, and the Shinnecock Canal area (Hampton Bays). Reservations are essential during the spring run because weakfishing is so popular. I have seen some fishing stations lined with 50 people at dawn, waiting for their boats. Bring along a variety of lures, light tackle and a large landing net, as well as several kinds of bait.

Putting in a hard day's work for a few outsized tiderunners is certainly worthwhile. Remember, you have all season to catch other fish, including the popular blue. Stemming a tide-runner is something not easily forgotten.

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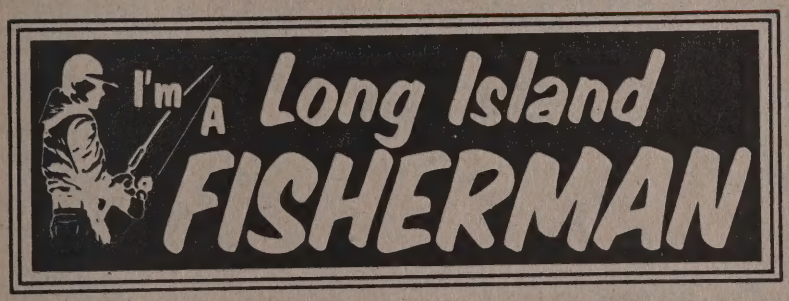

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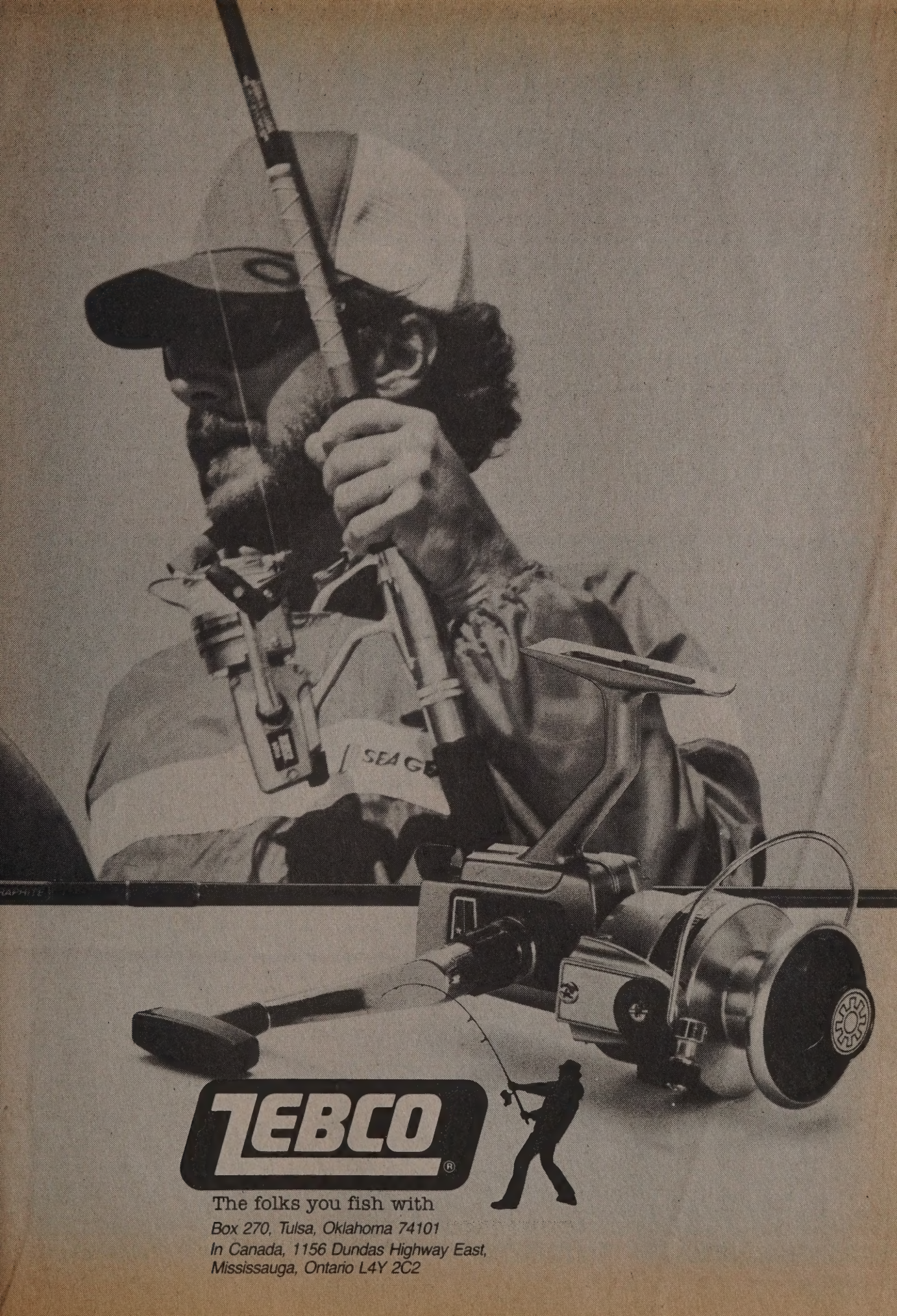
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METAL AND MEAT

by Andy Regina

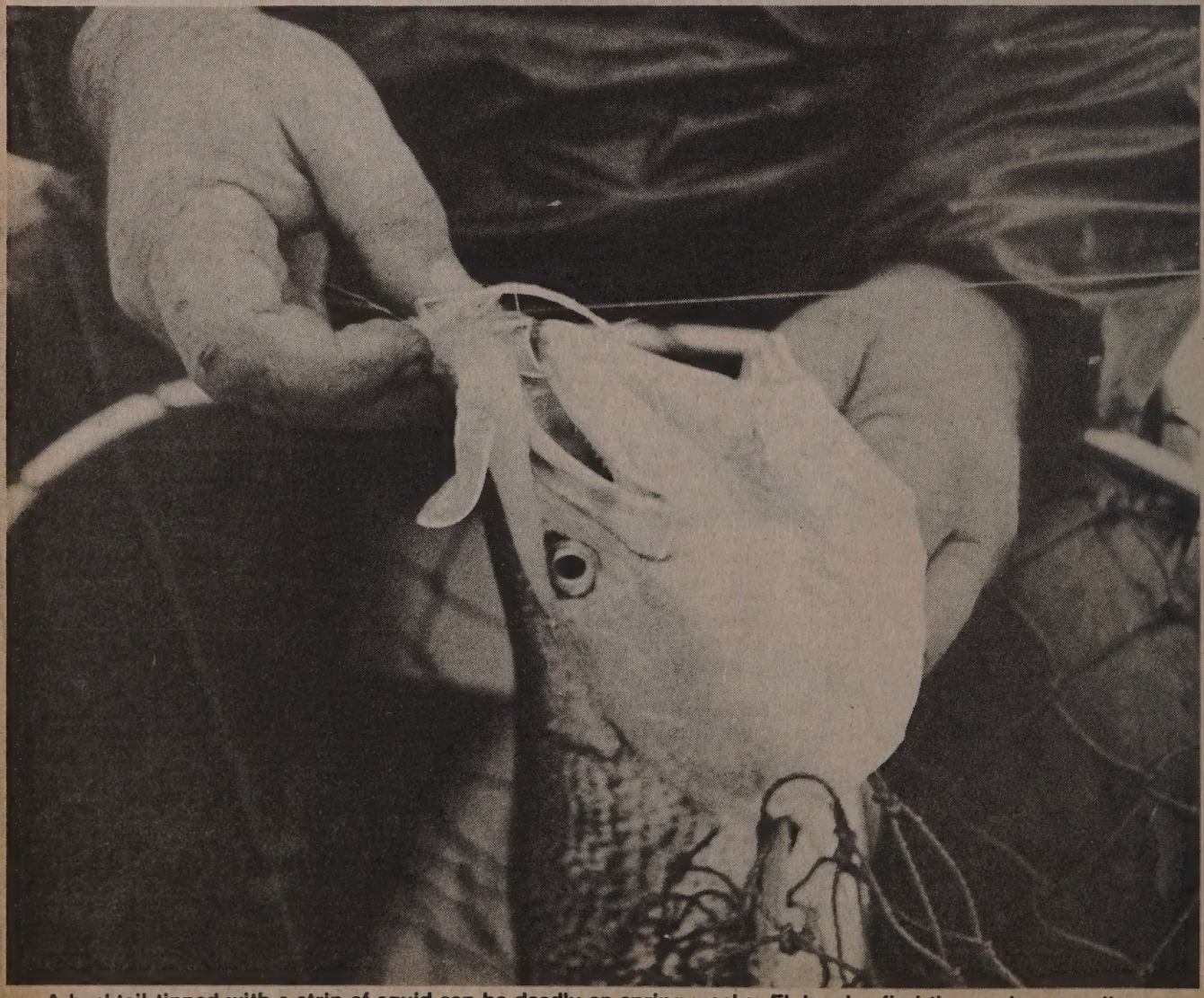
The addition of "meat" to an already proven fish catcher could double your fun.

If you're a fisherman, I feel certain that you may have discovered that there may be times when nothing seems to work. All proven baits may fail and even the hottest lure of the moment may strike out, leaving you dizzy, delirious, and disgusted. You start to seriously question your piscatorial prowess, switching lures by the dozen, varying retrieving methods, or constantly change baits and fishing levels in an attempt to prove that you are smarter than any fish that ever swam. Sometimes, just to make the cheese more binding, those darned fish prove to be smarter after all.

It happens to the best of us from time to time, and is one of the enigmas that make this chosen sport of ours so interesting. If it was easy all the time we'd soon lose interest, or fish stocks would become so decimated that we'd have to seek our pleasure elsewhere anyway. We realize that Mother Nature plans it so that the poor fish will win sometimes too, but before we throw in the towel we give it one more shot with the best means at our disposal. That day-saver very often turns out to be a combination of bait and lures, which for some strange reason seems to turn fish on, often outfishing either bait or lure fished separately.

There's no big mystery involved either; we've all used some type of combo at one time or other, although many of us were not aware of that fact at the time. Is there a fluke fisherman among us who has not used a fluke rig consisting of some beads and a spinner blade in front of the hook, or a hook adorned with a tuft of bucktail? In its simplest form to be sure, but this is still a bait/lure combo by any standard. So, too, is the flounder rig, wth colored beads or piece of colored tubing attached, usually fished above a sinker painted bright yellow.

Lure fishermen are no better,



A bucktail tipped with a strip of squid can be deadly on spring weaks. Fluke also find the combo appealing.

though purists may sneer at their meat-using brothers. Who among the purest of the pure has not at one time or other fished a bucktail jig that had been tipped with a strip of pork rind? Though in a shadow world between bait and lures, I'm afraid pork rind must still be considered as bait, especially when dealing with the complete purist. Replacing that pork rind with a strip of squid obtains the same results while settling all argument. Instead of fighting the method, why not try it instead, to prove to yourself once and for all that it can work?

Though our southern cousins have been employing bait/lure combinations successfully for years, we have not imitated their art here up north. In the south it is common practice to tip bucktail jigs with pieces of shrimp, strips of squid, or strips of fresh baitfish. Deep-jigging over coral reefs sees heavy jigs combined with chunks, fillets, or even whole fish, and some of the huge grouper and snapper that are caught are mute testimony to the effectiveness of this method.

We have made a slight concession to the worth of bait/lure combos by using the above-mentioned bottom rigs or bucktail jigs tipped with strips of squid or pork rind, but that's about as far as we have gone. Let's explore the possibilities of additional bait/lure combos, many of which have taken fish for us in the past, and which we hope will continue to take fish for us in the future as well.

Pork rind strips attached to the hooks of bucktail jigs add additional dimensions to an otherwise effective lure; first of all is creating a lure of additional length, that can prove successful when game fish are feeding selectively, perhaps seeking larger forage. We now can obtain pork rind in a variety of colors, which can prove deadly to game fish if we can properly determine the color of the bait sought. Last, but not least by any means, is the additional alluring wiggle pork rind provides, which can often sway even the most sated or jaded predator. Squid strips similarly fished offer almost all of the above advantages, with the additional advantage of supplying yet another dimension—that of smell, which is lacking in pork rind. I don't mean any bad stench or anything like that, but the natural smell of fresh bait, which can often trigger fish-feeding response where pork rind fails. Of course, pork rind is much tougher and will stay on the hook longer, but we'll opt for the squid strip every time, regarding regular strip replacement as small payment to be made for the normally greater rewards received.

To be included with the above bait/lure combos are strips and fillets of fresh caught fish and whole small baitfish, such as killies, spearings, or sand eels. The important thing to remember is what type of fish you are trying to catch; after that, it is a simple matter to add the bait you think those fish may be feeding on. Do not neglect fresh seaworms or pieces of shrimp; do not attempt to use any shrimp that has been treated in any manner, as this supermarket abomination contains chemical preservatives that turn fish off, and should turn you off also! If you can't obtain any fresh caught shrimp or untreated shrimp, save your money or buy sand worms instead!

The introduction of soft plastic lures to the saltwater scene has resulted in an explosion of popularity, and no small wonder why either, when you see how they seem to toll up fish. Even this ubiquitous lure fails to do the job at times though, so we have stolen the same techniques employed with bucktail jigs and applied them to plastic-tail lures also, with equal if not more startling results. Here though, because the lures used generally are smaller than bucktail jigs, you must rely on smaller versions of whatever baits you choose to use.

Bounced on the bottom in the extreme western end of the Sound, often in the very waters condemned as being barren by seemingly knowing fishermen, this tiny bait/lure combo has filled our stringer with bass, blues, white perch, and even an occasional rare fluke at times. The bait ordinarily used in conjunction with this lure was always a small piece of sandworm, pierced once through the hard part of the head and allowed to trail behind naturally. Varying your retrieve will often produce if all other attempts fail, because by fishing different strata or levels of water, you may discover the feeding zone of the moment, often being pleasantly surprised with fish you had no intention of seeking in the first place. Bounce that combo right on the bottom, then give it a slow, high lift, which will nail bottom feeders almost every time. A whippy, erratic retrieve upwards as you slowly reel in slack line can trigger mid-level feeding game fish into striking.

Given one particular lure to select for survival, I would choose the diamond jig every time. This lure has got to be the most overall effective lure of all time, judging by its popularity and the vast amounts manufactured and sold annually. Ranging in size from 1/12 of an ounce upwards to 2 lbs. or more, this lure has at one time or other graced every tackle box in the world, freshwater or salt, and for good reason, too: it catches a helluva lot of fish! The versatility of this lure allows you to fish any level effectively and it can be used by shore-loving beach rats as well as boatmen. And yet, at times, even this great lure needs a bait as a catalyst to catch fish.

Here you can let your imagination run rampant, using any of the baits mentioned herein, or even employing the addition of plastic tails. Small pennants of squid or tiny pork rinds can be hung from the bends of treble-hook rigged diamond jigs, or

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So far we have been talking about conventional sized lures, used by the majority of fishermen, but the trophy seeker fishing big lures can also benefit from a bait/lure combo. How many of you giant killers have been stymied when big lures fail to work properly in big water? The strong rips and currents haunted by trophy bass can raise hell with a lure, usually creating a faster, more erratic motion than normally seen in natural bait. To slow down big swimming plugs, remove the tail treble and replace it with a swinging single hook, using two split rings in tandem to place the hook in an upright position. Slipping a pork rind strip or squid strip on this tail hook will slow down the plug's swimming action, giving it a nice, slow swimming motion that can be fished effectively as you let the plug swing into position in the rip. (see Fig. A.) Here you should cast upstream, ahead of the rip, and allow the current to swing your bait/lure combo into and through the turbulence, as you constantly reel in the slack line.

Large spoons, such as the Dardevle Seadevle, are used by boatmen in strong water, and are even used from the beach in daylight, once again by the trophy-seeking sharpie. Using strip baits are described above, this combo proves deadly down deep for jumbo blues. Here we use a fillet of fresh mackerel or bunker (menhaden), hooked once through the wide end and allowed to hang free, to flutter in the strong currents below.

Using such a bait/lure combo one day at Montauk, I employed fresh bonito strips affixed to a big, chrome Seadevle, and proceeded to catch doormat fluke that struck about 3' or 4' off the bottom. The captain grumbled good-naturedly as he personally gaffed seven fluke for me that day, the smallest of which was 6 lbs. and the largest 12½ lbs. "Damned stupid fish are chasing bait off the bottom, and only one damned stupid fisherman knew enough to catch some! Damned stupid!"

You do not have to be stupid to realize it, like I was. Figure that the lure has weight and some resemblance to something fish-like to eat, or else you'd never get it into the feeding zone in the first place and fish wouldn't strike it in the second place. Now, to those prime qualities, add the exciting additional dimensions of increased size, increased action, and that sweet-smelling, fish-calling aroma of fresh natural bait, and you, too, will soon discover the joys to be had by using bait/lure combos. Sometimes you just gotta feed 'em some metal and meat!

East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

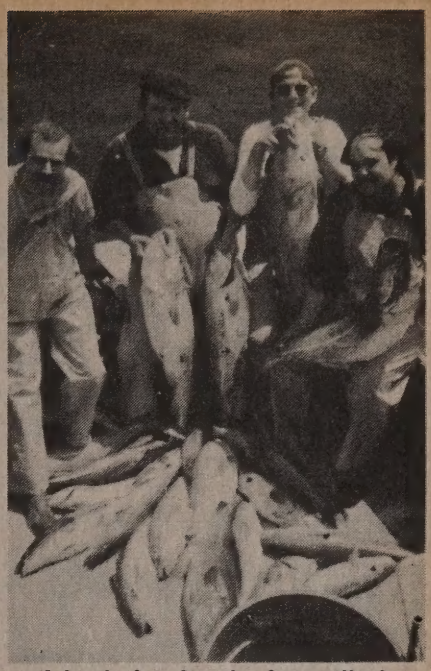
Cod continues to be the hot item in the land of the big Lighthouse with fair sprinklings of pollack and a start on the snoeshow flounder finally beginning.

Just back from the first Georges Banks cod and pollack wreck trip is Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Starship.** The skipper has just become a grandpa for the second time, with Paul Forsberg Jr and wife presenting Paul Sr. with a bouncing baby boy, Carl Drew Forsberg. Congratulations from the LIF staff. The 2-day Georges Bank trip returned two hours early with all passengers very arm-weary and the decks slithering with fish. Three 56 lb. cod tied for the pool taken by John Miller of Stony Brook, N.Y., Kevin Erberbeo, Queens and Jim Zekely, Bronx, NY. Paul says the fishing was nothing short of great on cod, pollack and a few hake. They caught all day and through the first night and right up to the lines-up whistle on Sunday. Fishing was done in 65' to 240' of water and periodic breaks were called for filleting so that there would be more room on the boat for more fish.See schedule for next trip. The **Viking Star** which is working south of Block Island has been enjoying good catches of cod from 8-12 lbs. on bait.

Excellent codfishing is also being had aboard the charter boat **King Wayne** with Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday being super-duper, Cod, pollack, snoeshow flounder and blackfish are being caught, with cod making up most of the catch. Saturday was a little slower, with just 60 fish taken. Sunday saw over 100 cod with 6 blackfish, 6 pollack and two snows for the Farmingdale Fishing Club. Action was at Southwest Ledge for 6-10 lb. cod on clam. All pools ranged in the mid-20s. Pollack were running 10-12 lbs. , blacks 6-7 lbs. and snowshoes to 3 lbs.

Excellent cod and flounder on the weekend was the word from Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** with flatties up to 3 lbs. taken at Tobaccolot, Promised Land and Rocky Point on worm and clam. Captain Bill Ricca on the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** on a trip for Mel Weir had 39 cod and a 7 lb. black at Southwest Ledge Saturday. Sunday's charter for Mr. Purcels and Mr. Descovich scored with 34 cod to 12 lbs., 4 blacks to 6 lbs. on bait at Southeast light. Sunday's trip for Carl Ianno on his boat Nancy resulted in 15 cod to 10 lbs. plus a 10 lb. blue, all south of BI. Charter boat **Nostalgia II** will be coming into the marina this week, as in years past.

One hundred thirty-one cod bounced on the deck of Captain Jack Passi's charter boat **Windy** on Thursday, just south of Block. Forty-seven cod was the count on Saturday's trip while Sunday's charter for Hector, a long time customer fished CIA and diamond jigged 25 cod averaging 12-15 lbs. along with a 28 lb. pollack. Cod went up to 24 lbs. Jack says there are lots of blues on the surface at CIA, fish just finning on top....acres and acres of blues.



A load of cod and a few pollack for Don, Walter, John and Mark caught at Montauk aboard Captain John DeMaio's "Vivienne."

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** tells us that cod on the weekend were still good off BI, but the numbers were spread thin due to

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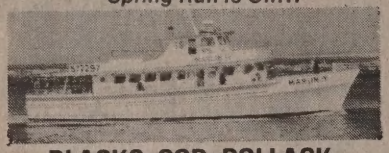

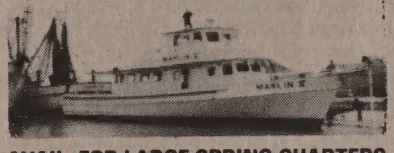

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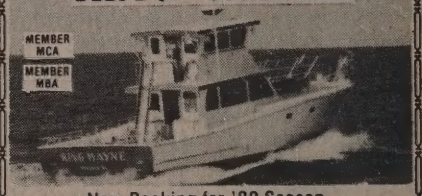

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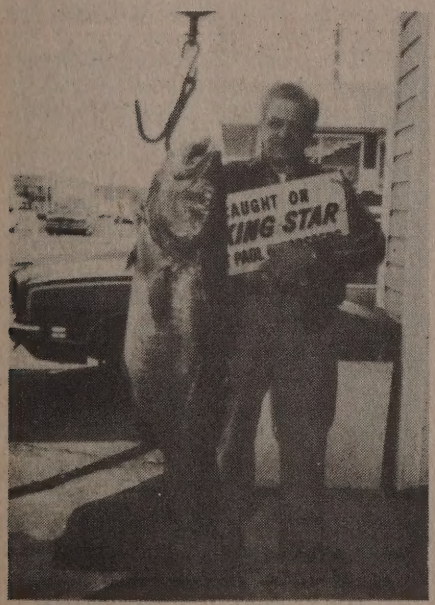
an excess of boats pounding the area. Sunday's trip for Mr. Hopper and party hoisted 60 cod and a few snowshoes. A few blues were caught Thursday heralding the appearance of the '82 migration eastward.

Aboard Captain Ron Grandinetti's charter boat **Julie III** on Friday Erik Doelcthurst and Carl White of the NYC Transit Police hoisted 68 cod from 3-40 lbs. south of Block. Saturday's charter for Sal DeAngelo and party had 43 cod, 4-16 lbs., fishing south of Block and at Southwest Ledge. Sunday's trip for the Lewis Hernandez group saw 48 cod come over the rail, 3-14 lbs. plus 6 pollack and a blackfish, all at Southwest Ledge. Aboard the charter boat **My Mate**, skipper Joe McBride advises that Peter Mantia, Bronx, and pal on Sunday scored with over 50 codfish to 30 plus lbs. at Southwest Ledge.

Captain Bud Dorman of the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** is now involved with the spring snowshoe flounder run at Gardiner's Island, which he is sailing at 7AM daily. Bud finished codfishing Saturday with a grand finale for 6 anglers of 140 cod up to 15 lbs. Good catches were had everyday of the week with many passengers scoring between 20-30 fish. Everybody catches. Action was south of Block Island on bait in 70' to 80' of water.

The Potts family of Montauk continues to sock it to the cod aboard the charter boats **Blue Fin I** and **IV.** Captain John Potts with the BF I on Wednesday for the Al Finger group from NYC had 33 cod at Cartwright with 2 fish over 40 lbs. and 6 over 30 lbs. Friday's trip saw 75 cod taken at Southwest Ledge up to 15 lbs. On Saturday, the I and IV worked Southwest Ledge again for the Harris group from Temple, PA and had a



Charles Petrone of Hempstead poses with a giant cod of 67¾ lbs. taken on a recent trip aboard the Montauk open boat "Viking Star."

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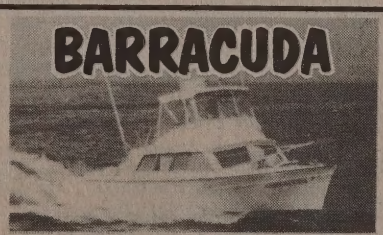

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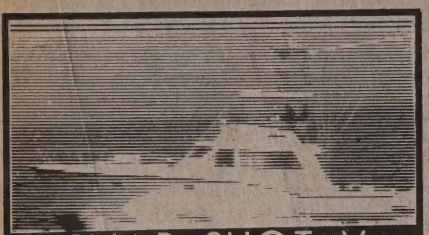

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total of 129 cod up to 16 lbs. Sunday's trip on the BF I at Southwest Ledge for the Gowran group, NYC belted 86 cod while the IV at Cartwright took 36 cod to 41 lbs., 4 other fish being over 30 lbs. and many in the 20s. This was for the Pepas group of Westchester. Lots of blues were seen on the surface and Mike Potts tells us that you can still load up on all the small cod you want.

SOUTH FORK

Loads of blues around, says Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station,** mainly 4-7 lbers at Mashamok, South Ferry and Noyac. Tons of fish said Chris hitting on any bait or lures. Some flounder at Cedar Point on worm and mussel and at buoy 4. Outgoing tide has been best and fish are averaging 1 lb. Some weaks around to be caught if you can get a bait past the blues. Try Smith's Cove, the west end of the ferry and buoys 15 and 16 at Noyac. These are 8-12 lb. tiderunners which are going for squid strips. Some fluke reported from Noyac Bay.

Down on Shinnecock Canal the **Capt. Clark II** left the good flounder action in Shinnecock Bay and has started weakfishing in Peconic Bay as of May 19. Reports of big weaks being taken at Rose's Grove, South Race and Robin's Island. All fish are in the 7-10 lb. class and are being taken on squid and sand worms in addition to artificial lures. The skipper is looking foward to a good weakfish season.

Flounder fishing is excellent says Capt. Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric** with fishing being done at Gardiner's Island. Fish are in the 4 lb. range and good fishermen are averaging 8-12 fish a man. Clam and mussel are the hook baits of choice. Thursday was the best day of the week, with Irene Sheados of Glen Head taking the pool with a 4 lb. 3 oz. flattie. Worst day was Sunday with its heavy boat traffic. Night weakfishing in Peconic Bay is red-hot. Saturday night saw

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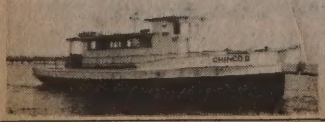
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South Shore Report

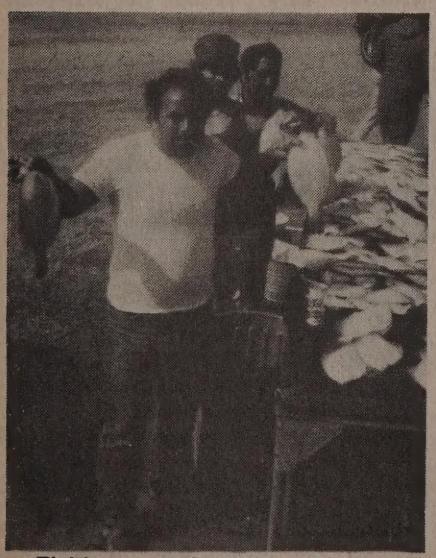
by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Weakfishing in the Peconics has been picky according to Frank Pelosa of **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays. Those fish that are being taken however, are true tiderunners. Among the larger fish taken over the weekend were a 14.4 pounder for Al and Barbara Nasciotti and a 13½ pounder for Lou Menocil. Lou's fish was taken on Sunday via Robin's Island while Al and Barbar's fish came from the same area on Saturday. Of the Shinnecock Bay flounder fishing, Frank recorded good catches of mixed sized fish are still being made at the Basket area on sandworms.

Also sampling the Shinnecock flounder run was Chip and Nancy LaPointe. Fishing out of **Molnar's Landing**, took 30 flatties averaging 1½ pounds in a little over an hour. Lanny Molner described the spring run of fish the best that he has seen in years. Also brought into the station over the weekend was an 8½ pound bluefish taken by John Raynor while looking for mackerel. Lanny also looked over a catch of 3 weakfish up to 13½ pounds and taken on 6 pound test by Lou Menical. Lou took the fish in Peconic on squid strips.

Moriches Bay flounder fishing held



Fishing out of Hi-Way Fishing Station in East Moriches, Eddie Kerr, John Marino and Joe Lasalla took these 141 flatties near buoy 42.

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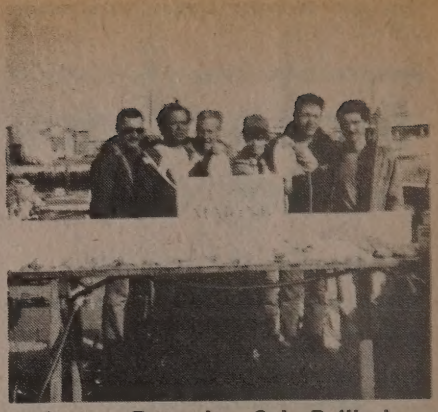
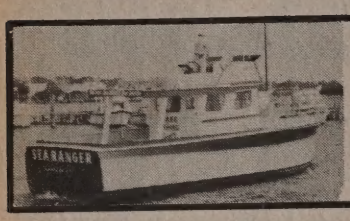


Sonny Deturris, Sal Pollizzi, Charlie Waits, 11-year-old Peter Barbarito and his dad accounted for this haul of 150 flounder up to 1¾ lbs. Fishing was done at buoy 42 with worms and corn chum after taking a skiff from L&M Marine.



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up nicely over the weekend and showed no signs of any let down. Most station operators that I spoke to agreed that the best action has been on the top half of outgoing although the last part of incoming has also produced some very good catches. A group of N.Y.C. police officers, Jim Gillespie, Joe Maronski, Mario Pannunzio and Eddie Makinen took a skiff from **L & M Fishing Station** and put away 95 flatties up to 2 pounds on Friday. They fished N.E. of buoys 41 and 42 with bloodworms and mussel chum. Larry of L & M Marine added that Haven's Point has also been producing nicely with fish now ranging from ¾ of a pound to 2 pounds.

Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** reminded that smaller flatties are beginning to mix with the big fish but that overall the fishing remains excellent. During the week, Matt and John Viola tallied 140 flatties while Vincent Wright along with his sons Vince and Steve put away 150 flatties on Saturday. The bottom line according to Jim is steady chumming with either clams or mussels.

Fishing near buoy 39 on Saturday, Jeff White and Mitchell Teller took 102 flatties. Gary of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**, who recorded the catch also told of a 5 pound blackfish taken by Joe Song on Sunday. Joe took his tautog along with a bucket full of flatties at buoy 36. Gary dittoed other reports of excellent flatfishing in the bay and reminded that some blowfish are starting to mix with the flounder. One boat over the weekend had 12.

Bill Donaldson, Rich Rielly, and Wayne and Keith Abrams worked the shallows n.e. of buoy 42 over the weekend after taking a skiff from **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station**. According to Andy Hegeman of the station, the group piled 125 fish into the docks using worms and heavy mussel chum. Andy thought that most boats averaged between 30 and 50 fish over the weekend. He also reminded that some big eels are

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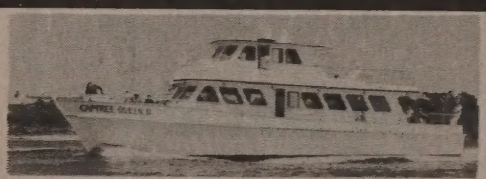

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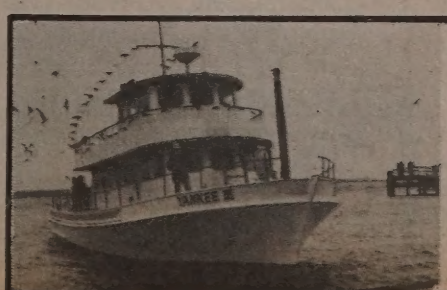

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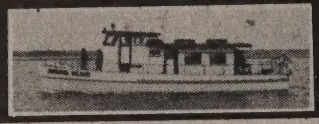

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Mike, Edward, Laura and Eddie Giannelli along with Peter, Donna, Mike and Christine Anselmo with a fine catch of flatties taken in Moriches Bay on 5/8/82. Fishing was done out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

mixed in with the flounder for those interested.

In the Mastic area, flounder action continued very good with more of a mix in the size of the fish. Action appears to be spread out between buoys 12 and 27 with buoy 17 still being a hotspot. On Sunday, Rich Amore and bll Nolan took 54 flatties there on the last of the incoming. Weakfish made a showing in the area this weekend with Capt. Bill taking the first of the season on Friday at buoy 17. Early Sunday, John Phillips took 3 weaks to 7 pounds in the early AM on Salty Dogs. A few fluke showing also according to Gary of **Stiriz's Fishing Station**. John Sherman of Brooklyn had 4 up to 3 pounds on spearing fishing the buoy 20-21 area on Sunday.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

The Great South Bay weakfish scene continues to leave much to be desired although there are enough fish around to keep everyone interested and most of the fish are tiderunner of between 7 and 12 pounds. That red hot flounder fishing at the lighthouse and in the Sore Thumb pocket fizzled somewhat by Sunday. The fish were still available but most were smaller in size than those taken last week. Apparently just in time, there was a significant improvement in the fluke fishing and many anglers did well with the summer flatfish on the weekend fishing in the inlet area.

Over at **J & R Sport Shop** in Oakdale, Dave Canale checked in a 13 pound weak for Bob Guftason. Bob fish is the current leader in the shop weakfish contest which gives as its first prize, a free mount of the winning angler's fish. No less significant was the 12½ pound tiderunner taken during the week by Sandy Barina. Rumors of some small blues in the inlet area as well as back in the bay added Dave while on the freshwater side, trout fishing in Connetquot State Park has picked up particularly during the morning and

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evening sessions. Some fish now being taken on dry flies, although streamers and nymphs continue to take the larger fish.

Speaking of Connetquot State Park, Bob and Rick Shafranek checked in 5 12" browns and a 3 pound rainbow at **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** in East Islip. Ireene, who looked over the catch, said that streamers accounted for all the action. Eleven year old George Ehrlinter had reason to celebrate Saturday's trip to Ocean Beach. The youngster used a strawberry jelly worm to take his first week ever - an 8½ pounder. On Sunday, Jerry Doyle had a 7 pound weakfish intercept his squid strip while fluke fishing near buoy 11. The largest weak checked into the shop over the weekend was the 12.5 pounder taken at buoy 13 Ocean Beach, by John Carino, Jr. on Sunday.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** in Bay Shore had some impressive weakfish checked into his shop over the weekend. Atop the heap was Al Neff with his 15 pound tiderunner taken on a red jelly worm at Ocean Beach. Dennis Miccio followed with a 11¼ pound weak while Michael Townsend had fish of 11¼ and 9½ pounds. Michael also set a possible 8 pound class record when he used the same purple jelly worm that took the weaks to take an 11½ pound blackfish. Mike did his fishing in the Kismet area. Carl also reminded that for all those not aware, Fred Formato of **Formato's Fishing Station** succumbed to heart attack Thursday night at his home. Fred left many friends along this stretch of the South Shore where he was known as a friendly gentleman and a fine fisherman.

Aboard the open boat **Casey Lee** on Friday, John and Artie Hartman found no lack of flounder. The pair put away 74 flounder between them while on Sunday, 10 year old Jeff Newelt accounted for 9 flounder and 8 fluke. In just 2 hours on Sunday, Capt. Neil Delanoy reported a catch of 250 fluke of which 150 were keepers. Most of the fish were in the 14 to 18" size range with both sandeels and squid being effective. .The skipper reminded that due to the upsurge of fluke action, he is now switching to fluke 7:30 AM daily.

Fishing out of Stiriz' Fishing Station in Mastic Beach, Chuck Delo totalled 85 flounder up to 1¾ lbs. near buoy 17.

Open and charter boats of the Captree Fleet continue to take advantage of the flounder action along South Beach and at the Sore Thumb throughout last week and into the weekend with the fishing seeming to taper somewhat by Sunday with a number of small fish being taken. Fluke fishing appears off to a good start and weakfishing remains attractive primarily due to the size of the fish.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported catches of 12-25 flatties per man made along South Beach on the weekend. Of the weakfishing, Gordon figured the boat has been averaging 20 weaks per trip, nearly all in the 8-12 pound class. The skipper has found his best action in the West Channel area and mentioned that a few small blues began showing amongst the weaks on Saturday. Due to the steadily improving fluke situation, the boat is now splitting its AM trips between fluke

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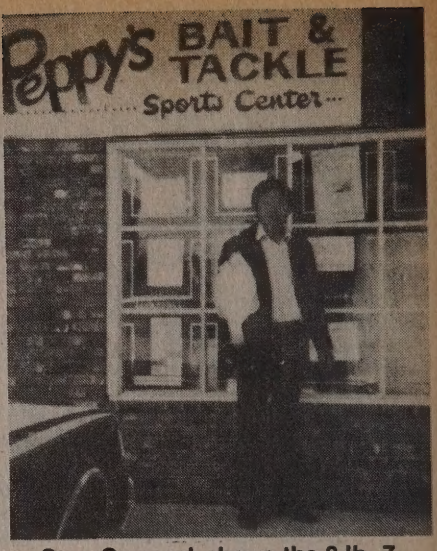

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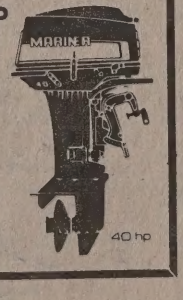

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and flounder although by the weekend the trips will most likely be all fluke.

Capt. Carl Passero of the **Jib VI** continued to sample the excellent flounder fishing along South Beach this past week. Four members Jessup family, of Bayside, totalled 80 flounder up to 2 pounds. Night weakfish trips have been averaging 8-12 tiderunners per trip. Among the bigger fish taken this week was a 12½ pounder taken Saturday night in West Channel by a Mr. Leno of Queens. The Jib VI also expects to be switching to all fluke by the weekend.

The **Capt. Joseph II** has been taking advantage of the strong showing of fluke and the carryover of flounder by mixing up its fishing between the two. Fares have been doing a good job on both species and 70-80 blowfish have been mixed in with each day's flatfish catch. To show what is possible, on Saturday Stan Mish of N.J. had 26 flounder, 18 fluke and 1 blackfish. On Saturday night's weakfish trip, 21 fares accounted for 15 weaks between 7 & 11 pounds. Fishing was done at West Island with jelly and sand worms.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod**, rode herd on the summer flatfish over the weekend working between the bridge and the inlet. The skipper figured about 70% of the fish are keepers and most are in the 14-15" size range. Both spearing and strip baits have been effective on these early run fish.

Aboard the charter boat **Prime Time** on Sunday, members of the Deepdale Garden Fishing Club totalled between 250 and 300 flatties along with a mixed bag of 100 blowfish, blackfish and sea bass. Mil Lobe was high hook and also had the pool winner with his 3 pound flattie.

Super fluking according to Capt. Roy Mazziotta of the charter boat **Blue Albatross II**. Roy reported excellent fishing on both tides in the inlet area with Sunday's PM trip

resulting in 150 keepers for 21 fares. Joe Cummings was high hook with 13. Earlier in the week, a party of 35 anglers headed by Jack Corbett worked the Sore Thumb area for over 500 flounder. The skipper made mention that the flounder fishing at the Thumb slowed considerably over the weekend. Saturday afternoon's fluke trip for a 15 man party headed by John Hassell resulted in over 100 keepers taken between the bridge and the inlet.

Capt. Ben Litwin of the open boat **Capt. Litwin** called to ask us to remind customers that the boat is now switching over to fluke as a result of the good showing of summer flatties.

Another of the open boats switching over to fluke is the **Capt. Dan** which will be on the summer flatfish run daily. On the first weakfish trip of the season, Saturday PM, 10 big weaks were taken.

A charter from Sperry Gyroscope had a good day with flatties in the ¾ to 2 pound class on Saturday's trip aboard the charter boat **Dixie**. Pool fish was a 2 pound flattie taken by Bill Zyko.

A party headed by Dave Cuomo fished aboard the **Leo D** Saturday night and accounted for 15 good sized weaks while dropping another 10 fish. All in the 6-9 pound range and were taken on either jelly worms or sandworms.

A weekend trip to a local offshore wreck resulted in a catch of 24 pollack for the crew aboard Dick Orlandi's **Three Sons**. Dick, a co-owner of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon, said that most of the fish ranged between 5-20 pounds but that Charlie Romano did have one fish of 31.9 pounds. Other reports eminating from Augie's included so-so weakfishing in West Channel and Ocean Beach. An encouraging sign in the blowfish

Eric and Craig Robinson, with some help from their dads, put away this load of mackerel on a recent charter aboard the Babylon based "Luci II."

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dept. was the 200 fish catch made by one boat at the Sore Thumb Sunday afternoon. Flounder fishing appeared to take a downturn over the weekend while fluke fishing continues to improve daily in the inlet area.

The charter boat **Pooka V**, a member of the Babylon Captains Assoc., sailed a party from N.Y. Telephone on Saturday and did a good job with flounder during the morning and fluke in the afternoon. The party accounted for 45 fluke fishing between the drawbridge and the Babylon Cut in the State Channel. Fishing members from the Unicorn Fishing Club on Sunday, produced nearly 100 flounder in the morning and another 100 fluke in the afternoon. Friday's charter aboard the **Capt. Nick** produced several weaks but none more important than the 9 pounder taken by Sal Cappalordo. It was his first weakfish.

Gil at **Capt. Jack's East** in Lindenhurst looked over a catch of 12 flounder up to 2 pounds made at the Sore Thumb by Mel Decker on Saturday. He also had 2 porgies. Gil reported that weakfishing has been erratic but those fish being taken are good size.

Out of **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** came a report of 75 flounder up to 2 pounds 4 ounces taken by Carl Blazejewski and Chris Fichtel on Friday at the Sore Thumb. They used sandworms and mussel chum. Between Friday and Sunday, Jack Breitenbucher accounted for 120 flounder at the Thumb. On Saturday, he added 4 weaks from 8-9 pounds to his flattie catch. The weaks were all taken on jelly worms. On Friday, Rudy Melito checked in 6 weaks between 6 and 10 pounds while John Obedcinski and a friend fished Friday and Saturday night to take 4 weaks up to 9¾ pounds near West Island. On Saturday, Joe Uss and a friend put away 24 flounder, 1 bluefish, 9 fluke and 1 weakfish which was his son Ken's first weak.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Les Burnett checked in a 13.3 pound tiderunner at **Capt. Jack's West** in Amity Harbor on Saturday. The big fish was taken on a white jelly worm at Ocean Beach. Jack Stoddard, who runs the shop, noted the steady improvement in fluke fishing and added that flounder action at the Thumb began to diminish somewhat by the weekend. He also reminded that he is now an official weigh station for The Long Island Fisherman, so bring those big ones by.

Over in Seaford, John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station** told of excellent flounder fishing on both side of the Wantagh bridges. John figured boats averaged about 40 fish apiece on the weekend with an occasional blackfish, fluke, sea bass and blow fish mixed in. Four boats containing members of the Star Fishing Club totalled 149 flatties on Saturday. Jack

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Stamp led the way by copping the trophy for the most fish. Joe Purillo, and Tony, Pete and Joe, Jr. all from the LaMarco clan accounted for 155 flounders at Four Corners and Massapequa Cove.

Capt. Brian of the open boat **Chinco II**, labelled the flounder fishing super all week. Irv Waldman had 40 on Tuesday. Ray Thompson had 61 on Wednesday. Sunday's ½ day trip resulted in a 52 fish catch for Betty Iovino. Brian noted that there are still a number of 2-2¼ pound fish mixed in

Plenty of flounder in Massapequa Cove at Squaw Island and at the bridges according to Art Wright at **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Sta.** Many boats had 50-75 flatties a piece with the largest of the week being a 3½ pounder. Some fluke, weaks, blues, blacks and kings also showing up in the area. One boat had 17 fluke fishing the State Channel on Friday.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser Bait & Tackle** echoed reports of great flounder fishing in the area and he was especially impressed by the size of the fish. On Saturday, Charlie Kunzmann took 25 flatties up to 2½ pounds with most between 1 and 2 pounds at Squaw Island. On Sunday, Al Kurre and John Renner had 30 flatties to 2 pounds just east of the second bridge. Fluke have made a good early showing in the area and an occasional weak is taken locally by flounder fishermen. Blacks are at the bridges and good sized blowfish are in Zak's Bay according to Lon.

Really good flounder fishing in Haunts Creek according to Jimmy Boulukos of **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick. Fluking has really picked up with Swift Creek and the State Channel between the Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges, both producing good numbers of fish. Jimmy noted that the percentage of keepers has increased noticably since last week. One boat had 8 or 9 nice blowfish taken at the Coast Guard Station.

Sharing the spotlight now with the ever-loving flounder, fluke have moved in through the inlets in substantial numbers. While there are a good number of midgets amongst them, there are enough keeper sized fluke to make going after them worthwhile. Several of the boats are swinging over to fluke, while several are doing it on a half-day basis and yet other boats are staying strictly with flounder because they remain so numerous and so fat.

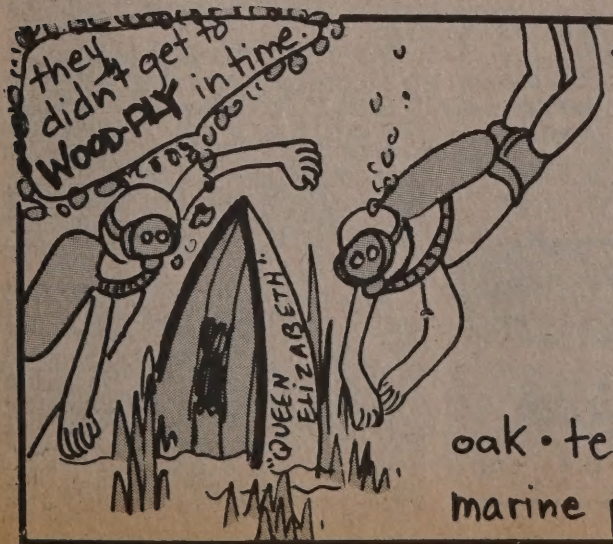
The **Miss Freeport II** has been having excellent flounder catches all week and weekend with high hooks ranging from 40-50 fish everyday, fish up to 2 lbs. and averaging 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. It's all local fishing and the skipper says come on down and fill up your freezer...it's almost a sure thing. The boat's 3PM-7PM fluke trips have also been very productive as evidenced by Sunday afternoon's trip with 120 keeper fluke taken on sand eels in Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. The Freeport charter boats **Apus I** and **II** have begun sailing and Friday's trip for Irv Cohen, a one-man charter scored with 39 flounder. Sunday's trip for Sid Cramer and party had over 100 flatties. Captain Mike on Saturday night fishing with his girl friend in his Garvey had 2, 3 lb. bass and 7 big weakfish in the State Channel off Amityville on sand worms. The **Freeport Boatmen's Association** informs us that the Association's charter boats had a great weekend fishing flounder and fluke in both the inlet and the back creeks and the main channels. The boats averaged 4-500 flounder per boat with high hooks in the 60s and 70s. A lot of 16" fluke are around and 80% of the fluke caught are keepers.

Freeport's **Super Spray II** has been having very good fluke catches with their 3 trips a day schedule. Both tides have been working says dockmaster Bob Cay. There are still a few openings for the boat's Memorial Day (May 31st) cod wreck trip. See ad for details.

The **Capt. Andy** has been getting plenty of flounder on both of their 2, half-day trips daily. On Saturday one customer had over 40 flatties. The lucky angler was Steve MacMahon of Whitestone.

Aboard the Freeport charter boat **Lady J III** Saturday's charter for the Farmingdale Fire Dept. had a good catch of flounder fishing local waters, while the same result was had Sunday for the Wholesale Tire Company of Farmingdale. Captain Pat said that all the flounder were taken in Swift Creek, near the Jones Beach piers and Goose Creek. Nearly all the fish were 1-2½ lbers with very few throwbacks, all on worm and clam.

Freeport's **Capt. Lou Fleet** also enjoyed fabulous flounder action right through the weekend. Aboard the full day **CL III** high hooks ranged from 40-60 big flatties everyday. Friday's high hook was Joe, a regular, with 65 flounder. Saturday's high hook was Dave Dreyer, of New Hyde Park, with 63 fish John DeRosa of Valley Stream, in two days fishing scored with 118 flounder. Little Neck angler Neil Eisenberg took 61 flatties on Sunday. It was a super weekend. The flounder are going so strong that Captain Mike Dannon said he will stay with them and will not be switching to fluke for awhile. On the Fleet's 2, half day trips daily **CL IV** catches are excellent also with high hooks in the 30s. Flounder are running up to 3 lbs. A good sprinkling of blowfish are being caught on every trip and some kingfish are showing also.



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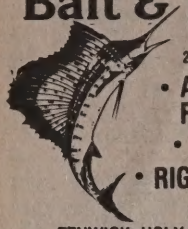

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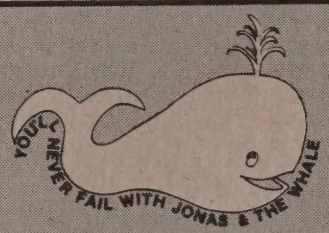

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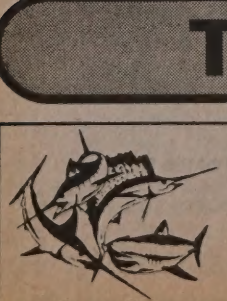

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Saturday was phenomenal, said Captain Paul Spider Schmidt of Freeport's **Aloma II** with one customer ending the day with 3/4 of a 5 lb. bucket full of fillets. He had over 70 big flounder before applying the blade. It's been excellent all week, so much so that he is staying with flounder. They are the closest to a sure thing around. "The way the flounder are feeding now, a person would have to be very bored with flounder to try for anything else at this time." It's all local fishing no more than 20 minutes from the dock.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** fished Long Island Sound on a charter Friday and had mackerel east of Eaton's Neck. Flounder charters did well all week and Friday, Saturday and Sunday saw large fish taken with 2 lbers. taking the pools. Fish averaged ½ to 3/4 lbs. with bait varying from day to day. Friday's trip for the Lynbrook School System saw the 5th graders pulling fish like crazy. Saturday's trip for Hanover Bank did well as did Sunday's trip for Mitsubishi, Inc. Flushing anglerette Cecilia Neira, had 28 flounder. Her husband and Mr. Kishida of Mamaroneck took 2nd place. A Mr. Rodriguez took the pool. There were good catches of blowfish mixed in.

Captain Richie's **Starstream II** is now fishing sea bass, blacks and ling. The weekend saw a variety of cod, ling, blacks, sea bass and sea flounder caught by the customers. The boat will be making the last special offshore cod wreck trip on Thursday, May 20 at 4AM. If you read this report in time, you can still reserve a spot.

Freeport charter boat **Capt. Gary** had the Plainview Cub Scout Pack #585 out Sunday and they had super flounder. Michelle Slawski was high hook with 14 while Debbie Carbone took her first flounder ever. Jeff Carbone had 12 fish. The boat will be sailing open on Sunday, May 23, 8AM.

Charter boat **Mickey II** sailing from the Poop Deck Dock with a 21 man charter Wednesday had excellent floundering in the inlet. Two hundred fifty fish came over the rail with high hook 35 flounder. All fish were 1 lb. and better at the inlet and Swift Creek. The skipper, Captain Tony Presto, is now booking fluke and bluefish trips.

Fifty percent of the fluke being caught are keepers, said J.R. at **Sea Isle Sports** in Freeport. He fished south of Loop bridge and also comments that these fish though keepers in length are on the thin side. Flounder remain excellent in Merrick Bay and Hole in the bay. Over in Baldwin, **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of good fluking in the Loop bridge area, Jones Inlet and Reynolds

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Channel on sand eels, spearing and squid. Some big weaks in the morning hours, same area. Fewer flounder were brought in on the weekend to his station but they have all been big, off BOCES and at Garretts Lead. Blackfish have been good at the bridges, at high and low slack on fiddlers and green crabs.

Down at Point Lookout, Captain Walter Speck and Captain Ron Murray who run the **Miss Point Lookout,** the area's newest 2 half-trip daily boat, tell of some of the hottest flounder of the season this past week. On Tueday, Joe Ketels took 42 flounder. Wednesday saw Casey and Jodie Speck and a girl friend put away 56 flatties. On Friday morning's trip Andy Nelson had 26 flounder while Saturday afternoon's trip was a corker with Morty taking 5 straight doubles. Almost all fares scored in the high 20s. This was all at local hotspots with over 40 fish a man not uncommon. The skipper says to come on down, it's going to be super fishing this week.

Point Lookout's **Capt. Bill** is now swinging over to fluke on its two half day trips daily. Flounder have been good for the most part, but Bill says he's tired of playing with his anchors. On Friday Billy and his 5-man crew took 60 keeper fluke in just a couple of hours in Reynolds Channel, so he's figures the time is ripe.

The Pt. Lookout charter boat **Marie III** on Saturday fished Con Ed and fishing Swift Creek, the east end of Reynolds and Haunts Creek customers had a steady pick on flounder with some blowfish and a couple of blacks mixed in. In the afternoon to finish off the day they drifted up some fluke with the 50% keeper ratio, fish up to 3 lbs. Jim Polina took the fluke pool with a 3 lber. while Corry McLoughlin took the flounder prize with a 1¾ lber. Sunday's fishing was better in the same places plus the inlet and the Wantagh bridge area. The day's catch was excellent at the latter for flounder plus porgies, sea bass, some blackfish and 20 blowfish. Eighty percent of the catch was flounder. Tom Vita took the pool with a 2 lb. 2 oz. flounder. Tom Hegarty Jr., age 9, and on his first fishing trip had 6 flounder and missed the pool by 3 oz. Mussel and worm work best.

Fluke and flounder have been excellent all week, according to Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** from buoy 17 in Reynolds east to Jones Inlet. A 3½ lb. flounder was caught by Larry Kepela of Pt. Lookout while a 6½ lb. sea bass was taken at the T wreck by Andy Pollio. Swift Creek and off the CG Station have been best for flounder while the fluke were taken on killies, sand eels and squid. Next door at **Ed's Fishing Station** we hear of a nice run of fluke in Reynolds Channel from the east end of the inlet west to the High School.Hottest has been between buoy 20 and the golf course.Still a lot of flounder at buoy 16 and 18, Swift Creek and Short Beach. Worms and mussels are the

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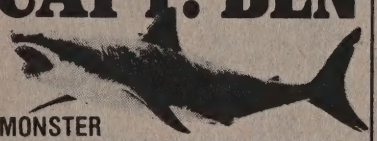

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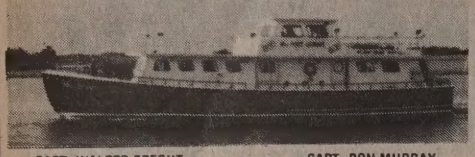

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ticket. Don't forget the chum. Blackfishing increasing at the bridges, boats averaging 20-25 fish to 4½ lbs., fish averaging 1½-2½ lbs.

Down at Atlantic Beach, **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** again tells us that roughly 1,000 ft. east of the AB bridge, flounder can be caught in good nummbers and sizes in the deep hole located there on worms and clam. Fluke have moved in from buoys 8-10, west of the AB bridge on squid, spearing and sand eels with lots of shorts amongst them. Blackfish at both sides of the bridge and between Silver Point jetty and buoy 4 on fiddlers and clam. Ocean Beach has been ''so-so'' on weaks. But jelly worms and sand worms did get a few.

Over in Island Park Captain Clem's **Commodore** has had a terrific week of floundering but due to popular request, the boat is switching to fluke starting Saturday. Fluke are being caught on the boat through the weekend with a 50-50 keeper ratio and by the weekend catches should be even stronger.

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook notes that fluking has slowed a bit for his customers though are still plenty of big thick flounder. Charlie advises anchoring over any depression you find and chumming heavily, which practically guarantees a good flounder catch. Some good weakfish catches have been had on sand worms at night in Haunts Creek and at the Wantagh bridges. Blackfishing has become a hot item at the bridges also.

Further over in Long Beach, Bernie Haag at **Long Beach Sports Marina** tells us that the flounder are holding up well in the bay and inlet and that there's been a good showing of fluke in Jones Inlet and Duck Point. Sand eels, spearing and squid have been best. Blackfishing is good at the AB bridge on fiddlers and greenies with some bigger fish mixed in.

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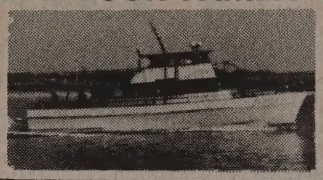

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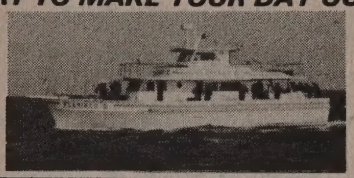

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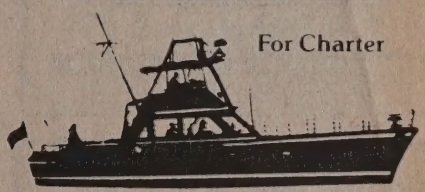

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Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** has been staying with the flounder since as he describes it, they are just too good to leave. He had them all through the weekend fishing Sandy Hook early in the week and the Rockaway Jetty and roundhouse area in the latter part of the week on worms, clams and mussels. The boat will be doing the offshore bottom fishing as soon as flounder peter out and the other species peter in.

Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells of plenty of flounder being caught at the roundhouse and jetty on worms. Good blackfishing at Marine Parkway Bridge and Seabright, fish up to 8 lbs. on green crab, fiddlers and clam. Mixed sizes including a lot of midget fluke being caught off Riis Park. Blues being trolled off Manhattan Beach and Staten island on umbrellas. Across the water at **Santos Sport Shop** in Staten Island Kevin tells us the flounder are just about everywhere, especially Great Kills Park, off the beach, South Beach and Penny Beach. Blackfish have moved in strongly at Stapleton Piers on fiddlers, greens and worms.

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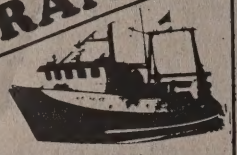
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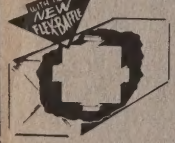
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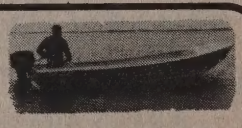
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North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Mackerel seem to be wedged in this area thanks to the blues further east. Blackfish action in the shallow water indicates seasonal spawning activity, and the open boats are beginning to have their innings on the blackfish as well. Flounder action lingers, and schoolie bass are available.

Shallow water zones around Hart Island, Huckleberry, and Hen and Chicken Rocks provided lots of blackfish, according to **John's Gun & Tackle** in New Rochelle. The **Klondike** had a picky weekend on mackerel, due to small boats interfering with the chum slicks. Bluefish are pusing the Bostons toward City Island and points west from Eaton's and Crane's where they were early last week.

On City Island, **Jack's** saw many blackfish to 7 lb., with one 9 pound fish caught on crabs. The tautog around Execution and Stepping Stone are making locals forget all about the small bass.

Dom Cerbone on the **Apache** found plenty of flounder from Bayville to Eaton's by drifting the beaches in 15-30' of water. Flatties are ¾ to 1½ pounds. Next week, he'll be concentrating on the blacks, before he shifts to the big flounder in the Norwalk Islands. The **Ebb Tide** found macs and a few blues 20 minutes from the dock, but will be back on the bottom runs by the end of this week.

Pryble Pier was the hottest tautog spot in the Glen Cove area according to Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop**. Blackfish expert Woody Van weighed a 7 pound 4 ounce fish, and Watt saw a number of 6 pound tautog.

Frank Ackley found some macs and some big blackfish on the **Tarpon** out of Glen Cove for Fred Santis and his charter. Tautog went up to 7 pounds. On Sunday, Rocky Renardo and a fivesome were treated to a mackerel blitz off Execution Light until the tide changed and the armada arrived.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

A good mix of blackfish and flounder is available for bottom fishermen with the flatties moving in to deeper water now. A steady showing of bass has been keeping some beach fishermen happy, and bluefish have pushed out the local mackerel.

George Valentine at the **Four Winds** said that the blackfish fixed with the flounder off Ashroken and

Eaton's run up to 6 pounds, and that the best of the tautog are off Marshall Field.

Jim Bonafede, working a Krokadil spoon off a beach east of Eaton's took a fine sea run brown trout that weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce. The football-shaped brownie had a 25'' length and a girth of 18''. Bonafede had the fish mounted, but Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle**, who checked the fish, is having the flesh smoked. Ask him how his lox and bagels are next week.

Huntington Prop said that some of the best schoolie action was down around the Cold Spring Causeway. Joe DiMaggio stopped at the shop to weigh in a 5½ pound fluke taken while flounder fishing off Eaton's.

With the mackerel disappearing and giving way to blues all the way to 8 pounds, the open boats will be switching to bottom fishing for a while until the weaks and blues show in numbers. Nick Manzari of the **Speedy VII** have a last fling on the macs over the weekend when he chased them all the way west to Execution. Packy Collins took the Huntington Anglers out for a run on flounder and blacks on the **Ever Ready** over the weekend, and they found flatties from ¾ to 1½ pounds along with 8 tautog to 5½ from Eaton's all the way out to the Obstruction Buoy. Packy noted that blues were actively being trolled around the loading platform. Please call the number in ad for more details on where to park, etc.

John Fisher of the **Aqua-Gem** from Port Jeff said that, although the flounder in that area were still large, numbers were down. Fortunately, tautog are present in numbers sufficient to provide up to 7-12 fish per person. Weekend pool winners were John Guadid with a 7 pound fish, Lou Folper with a 5½. Dennis Lundstrom was high hook with 14 fish. Fiddlers and green crabs are the bait in the Shoreham-Wading River area.

Small boats working out of **Caraftis' Station** in Port Jefferson still had enough big flounder to keep them busy on fish around Flack's Pond and all the way east to Wildwood. Charles Popke of Astoria weighed a 4 pound snowshoe taken onthe Aqua Gem early in the week. High hook weaks have been taken around Landing Road and off Crane's.

A showing of porgies was reported off Buoy 9 by Lloyd at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai. The fish were 1½ pound size and were responsive to worms and clams, but chumming was unnecessary. One local problem, according to **Dick's** at Mount Sinai was the great number of sundials in that area, but there were some pretty good catches of flounder and blackfish taken off the beach.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** saw Northport Bay producing bass to 10 pounds in action that began last Thursday. Anglers with Hopkins scored quite well. Then on Thursday, some blues broke loose east of the

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NORTH FORK

The Peconic weakfish run sputtered along through last weekend, producing some huge fish but on great numbers for a few anglers who fished long hours. Better action was on small bluefish, and porgies were just starting off Rose's Grove. Flounder appear to be on the wane at Sound stations to the west, and sizes have dropped somewhat off the eastern tip; consequently, the open boats have swung over to the Gardiner's fish.

Top tiderunner in the Riverhead Sportsmen's Club Peconic Weakfish Tourney was an enourmous 15 pound 12 ounce fish, taken by John Toomey of Islip Terrace on a brown jelly worm in South Race late Saturday afternoon. Ed Anker was a runner up with a 15 pound 3 ounce giant. A total of 24 fish from above 8 pounds 15 ounces took prizes among the 178 entrants. Still, the numbers were way down. In 48 hours of fishing, the top catches for the entire period were approximately 45-50 weaks, and these were recorded by pros like Bill Velys or George Alec. Drifting without casting and retrieving and night tides were the best producers of fish through most of the contest, and daytime anglers were often without fish.

The best catch at **Capt. Marty's** for a day of fishing on Saturday was recorded by Guy Bandazian with 29 weaks to 13¾ pounds. Fish came from the far side of Buoy 30. Further up on the Middle Grounds and Jessups bluefish dominated the weaks during most of the daytime tides. On Thursday, Richie Jensen had 76 blues and 18 weaks; on Friday he put 50 blues (to 5 pounds) and 28 weaks (to 10 pounds) aboard the **Nancy Ann**. With the heavy weekend traffic, Jensen went down to Gardiner's and pulled 125 flounder between 2 and 3½ pounds for a party of 15.

Both **Art White** and Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** filled in the details on the big Gardiner's fish. Drifting with mussels and some sandworms was the ticket, with the fish in deep water much of the time. Catches run around to 10 fish average per angler said John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** and only light lead is required despite depths of 40-45' or more. Some of George Porter's **Brand X**'s best trips have been the night runs on weakfish, with blues thrown in.

Ace Cottral weighed some big porgies from Roses and the Steps at the **Port of Egypt**. Best was exactly 4 pounds. Also a 9¼ pound fluke was reported between buoys 17 and 18.

A pick of flounder was still available in Petty's and off Orient with some big fish scattered in. Ed Kopact at **Warren's** tells us that blackfish are on the Pipeline and also off the Firing Range. There are still some flounder around, according to both the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** and Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgis**, but it's a hit or miss proposition thanks to the mobs of sea robins. Saturday's best flounder at Mattituck Inlet went 3 pounds 3½ ounces. The crew from Gerity's Pub managed 12 big flounder for McGrath's Nostalgis on Sunday, and Joe Cara headmanned a Saturday group that accounted for 29 flounder off the Pipeline.

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Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Getting the season's surf report started has not been an easy job. Things have been slow to develop around the island and many casters have yet to get down to any serious surf fishing. This week should see some heightened interest with the news of the seasons first cow bass along with the first North Shore weakfish to come to our attention.

It was left to Long Beach surfman Jason Colby to put away the first noteworthy surf striper of the season. Jason took a 30.7 pound fish out of the Jones Beach area on a homemade plug Saturday night.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** in Bay Shore checked in weaks of 11 and 7 pounds for Bill Cannon on Wednesday. Bill took the pair of fish from the banks west of the Captree drawbridge on jelly worms. Not to be mislead, fishing here has been very picky at best with only a handful of fish being taken up to this point. Some weaks are also finding their way into the Democrat Point and Gilgo surf at night. Sandworms take these fish. Carl checked a 10 pounder for Bill Ketchem on Thursday while Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford looked over a few fish taken by "Red Beard" and Bob Mannino on Friday and Saturday nights.

Out at Montauk, Johnny Kronuck of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** said that things have been very quiet up to this point with the only bass that he knows of at this point being taken on a worm bait meant for a flounder. Johnny added that very few people are even trying although he expects to see some increased activity by this week.

Over on the north shore, some school bass have been keeping casters occupied. Dave Watt at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** knew that both Mattinecock Point and Cold Spring Harbor have been productive. Jeff Thom had 7 schoolies during the course of the week and Bill Allard, 1. The fish are being taken on small jointed rebels and Red Fins. The same lures are accounting for a few schoolies up to 12 pounds along the Cold Spring Harbor Causeway, this via Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington. That first surf caught weak from the North Shore came from **Dick's Sport Shop** in Mount Sinai. The fish was a 6 pounder and was taken at Miller Place. Everyone is looking for this fishing to develop any time now.

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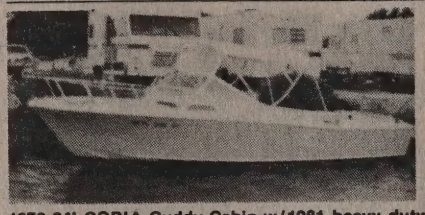

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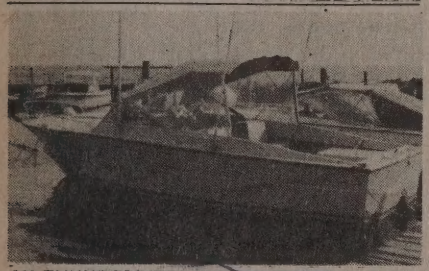

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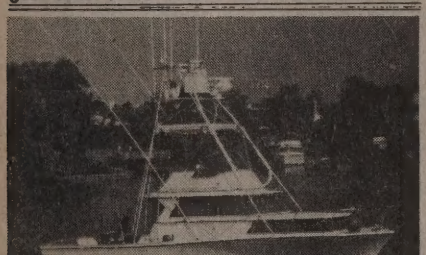

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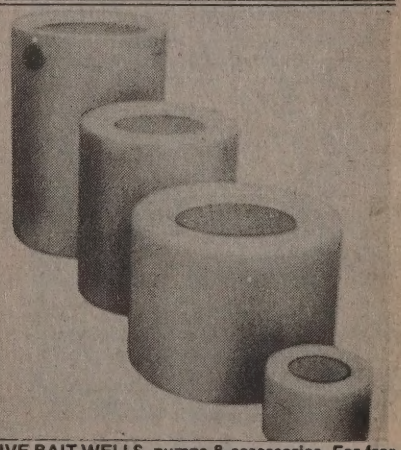

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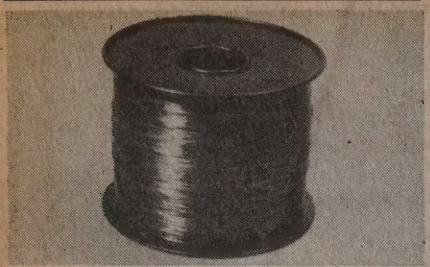

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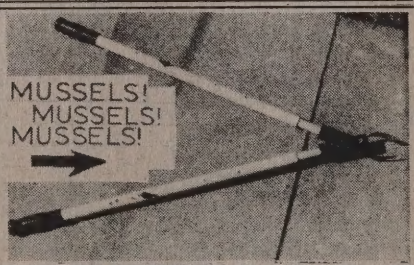

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	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	6:10	6:35	6:50	7:20	6:40	7:10	7:40	8:00	9:20	9:40	9:25	9:45	6:05	6:30	5/20
FRI.	7:05	7:25	7:40	8:05	7:30	7:55	8:30	8:45	10:15	10:30	10:20	10:35	6:55	7:20	5/21
SAT.	7:55	8:10	8:30	8:55	8:20	8:40	9:20	9:35	11:05	11:20	11:10	11:25	7:45	8:05	5/22
SUN.	8:40	9:00	9:20	9:40	9:10	9:30	10:10	10:20	–	12:00	–	12:00	8:35	8:55	5/23
MON.	9:30	9:50	10:10	10:35	10:05	10:25	11:00	11:15	12:15	12:55	12:15	12:50	9:25	9:45	5/24
TUE.	10:25	10:45	11:05	11:25	11:05	11:20	11:55	–	1:05	1:45	1:10	1:45	10:20	10:40	5/25
WED.	11:25	11:40	–	12:00	–	12:05	12:05	12:50	2:00	2:50	2:05	2:45	11:10	11:35	5/26
THUR.	–	12:25	12:25	1:00	12:25	1:10	1:05	1:55	3:00	4:00	3:00	3:45	–	12:10	5/27

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

5/21	5:34	8:19
5/22	5:33	8:20
5/23	5:33	8:21
5/24	5:32	8:22
5/25	5:32	8:23
5/26	5:31	8:24
5/27	5:31	8:25

Moonrise/Moonset

5/21	4:48AM	8:25 PM
5/22	5:23AM	7:40 PM
5/23	6:04AM	8:56 PM
5/24	6:53AM	10:09 PM
5/25	7:49AM	11:14 PM
5/26	8:53AM	–
5/27	10:02AM	12:10AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
5/23	5/29	5/8	5/16

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:10	9:15	3:25	9:40
Fri.	3:55	10:05	4:15	10:30
Sat.	4:45	10:55	5:05	11:20
Sun.	5:35	11:45	5:55	–
Mon.	6:35	12:20	7:05	12:55
Tues.	7:35	1:25	8:20	2:05
Wed.	8:45	2:35	9:25	3:10
Thurs.	9:55	3:45	10:30	4:15

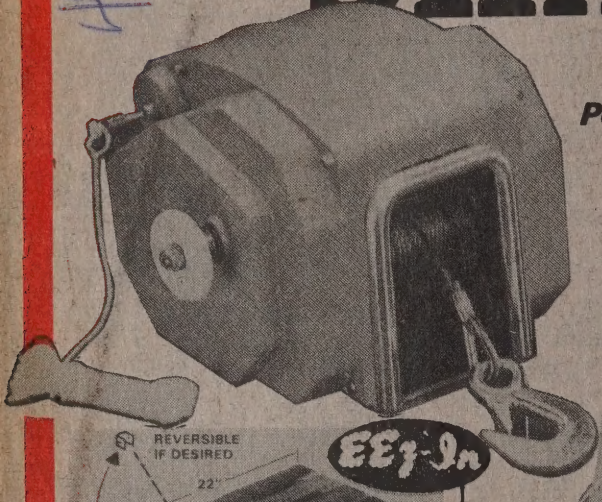
SALE ENDS 5/29/82

LIMITED QUANTITIES

LOAD UP ON SAVINGS AT SHANE'S

CLOSED
MONDAY 5/31/82
MEMORIAL DAY

BONUS FREE COVER WITH ANY POWER WINCH AVAILABLE DIRECT FROM FACTORY



PowerWinch

Portable Electric Trailer Winch Clearance Sale!

Can plug into any car's 12-volt electrical sysyem and haul your boat up on your trailer while you stay clean and dry. An exclusive gear train system gives smooth pulling action with less friction. Free-wheeling out, powered in. Exclusive level wind system for even cable wrap.

	Boat Loads To	
Model 312—List $259.00	2,500 lbs.	$129.95
Model 712—List $319.00	4,000 lbs.	$169.95
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Universal teak transom platform includes mounting hardware and stainless fasteners. Easy to install and fits the transom of most boats. Double anodized 1" aluminum tubing and brackets. Measures23¾" wide x 17¾" long.
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The highest quality back to back seats for years of enjoyment. Made with mildew resistant vinyls, anodized aluminum, high density polyfoam and stainless staples. The all white seat is 18" wide x 16" deep and has a standard storage box 10 high. Overall length when open is 67".
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This all white, non-rusting, easy cleaning, giant ice chest is the biggest on the market. Room for 300 lbs. of your daily catch. Complete with deep food tray to separate food from ice and drinks. Natural rope and wood handles for easy manuevering. Optional snap on water-repellant cushion. Available to turn chest into an extra comfortable bench seat. (43"L x 19"W x 20"H).
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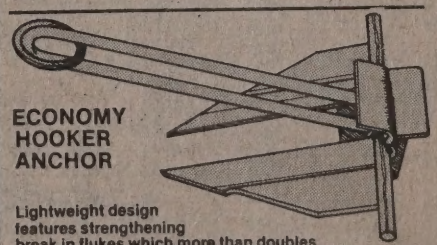
List $295.23 SALE $164.95

SEA HAWK 50 VHF RADIO

This great looking Unimetrics VHF is a trim little unit. Built to withstand the elements. She delivers all 50 U.S. channels with 25 watts of power and phase lock loop circuitry. LED channel readout, instant channel 16, 46 transmit channels, 50 receive. All synthesized. On-off, volume, bright-dim, squelch, mike, power cord, All included.
Radio Only
List $429.95 SALE $249.95



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Lightweight design features strengthening break in flukes which more than doubles fluke strength. Slip ring permits easy retrieve in fouled, snag-filled bottoms. All sizes are galvanized. Tiedown.

No.	Boat Length	List	SPECIAL
5	Up to 14'	$12.25	$6.77
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13	25'-28'	$29.95	$15.77
15	28'-30'	$35.00	$17.77

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List $42.00

1 inch heavy duty aluminum frame. Super tough walnut stained color marine finish on hardwood arms. All fabric assures under the knee comfort. Corrosion resistant zinc plated steel hardware. Blue 12 oz. heavyweight canvas with white ships wheel motif.
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